

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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SELECTION OF NEW SUPERVISORY PRO SE STAFF ATTORNEY

STATEMENT OF CHIEF JUDGE JAMES K. BREDAR:

I am pleased to announce that MS. BETSY STERLING, of Auburn, New York, has been selected to serve as the next Supervisory Pro Se Staff Attorney in the District of Maryland. Ms. Sterling will replace Ms. Kim Berger, who retired from the same position on December 31, 2019.

Ms. Sterling will supervise the Court's pro se litigation unit which includes five other attorneys and an administrative assistant. Pro se staff attorneys assist the Court in processing and deciding the claims presented by persons who are not represented by counsel. Most are incarcerated. Cases brought by pro se litigants make up 30 percent of the Court's total civil caseload.

Ms. Sterling has most recently served as a program director with Disability Rights New York, an organization that provides legal representation to individuals diagnosed with mental illness. Previously, she served as a pro se staff attorney in the Western District of New York. She graduated from the St. Louis University School of Law and is a member of the Bars of the states of New York and Alabama.

Ms. Sterling will begin service here on February 18, 2020.