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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Congratulates Member, Tanya Walton Pratt, On Federal District Court Nomination

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre, National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. extends congratulations to member Tanya Walton Pratt on her recent Federal District Court nomination. The 96-year-old public service Sorority is the single largest African-American women’s organization in the country.

President Obama nominated Pratt on January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, to serve on the Federal District Court Bench for the Southern District of Indiana. If confirmed, Pratt will become the first African-American federal judge from Indiana. Pratt currently sits in the Probate Division of the Marion County Superior Court.

“Soror Pratt is an accomplished jurist and is most deserving of this prestigious nomination,” said Butler-McIntyre. “With her extensive legal career and years of experience as an accomplished jurist, I am certain that she will serve the Southern District of Indiana in the most just and honorable fashion. On behalf of the members of Delta Sigma Theta around the world, I congratulate her on this historic nomination.”

Pratt graduated from Spelman College in 1981 and from Howard University School of Law in 1984. During the early part of her career she was in private practice and also served as a deputy public defender in Marion County Superior Court. Pratt took the bench in 1997 as a trial judge in the Marion County Superior Court’s Criminal Division, where she handled major felony cases. In 2007, Pratt became supervising judge of the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center. She is a member of the House of Delegates for the Indiana Bar Association and from 2001 to 2007 was Chair of the Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday Commission in Indiana.

Pratt was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. through Eta Kappa Chapter at Spelman College. She is currently a member of the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities. Today, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has members in more than 900 chapters worldwide. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to create its national programs.

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