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President Joe Biden announced three judicial nominees on May 25, including the Hon. **Doris L. Pryor**—a 2003 graduate of the Maurer School of Law—to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Judge Pryor has



The Hon. Doris L. Pryor speaks to 1L students during first-year orientation in August 2021.

served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Indiana since 2018. Before that role, Judge Pryor served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana, and as National



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for the State of Arkansas Public Defender's Commission. Judge Pryor served as a law clerk for Judge J. Leon Holmes on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas from 2004 to 2005 and for Chief Judge Lavenski Smith on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit from 2003 to 2004.

"These choices also continue to fulfill the President's promise to ensure that the nation's courts reflect the diversity that is one of our greatest assets as a country — both in terms of personal and professional backgrounds," the White House said in a statement.

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Judge Pryor would make history, becoming the first judge of color to ever serve on the Seventh Circuit from Indiana.

Judge Pryor has been actively involved with the Law School since she graduated. In 2015 she began teaching a pre-trial litigation course during the school's Wintersession, held during the week before the spring semester begins. And in August 2021, she delivered the keynote address at orientation and administered the oath of professionalism to the incoming 1L class.

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