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**Ford Motor Company Executive Susan K. DeClercq
Sworn In As United States District Judge**

On Monday, November 13, 2023, Susan K. DeClercq was sworn in as the newest United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Judge DeClercq, who most recently held the position of Director and Counsel - Special Investigations at Ford Motor Company, was sworn in at a ceremony at the Theodore Levin Courthouse in Detroit by Chief U.S. District Court Judge Sean F. Cox.

Judge DeClercq was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on October 4, 2023, and President Biden signed her commission on November 9, 2023.

Judge DeClercq is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and Wayne State University School of Law.

After law school, she served as a law clerk to the late Honorable Avern L. Cohn, and worked as a litigation associate at Skadden Arps in Washington, DC. She also served for 18 years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Michigan doing civil defensive litigation and civil rights enforcement, being named Chief of the Civil Rights Unit and later, Chief of the Civil Division.

Judge DeClercq takes great pride in her family, especially her three children, as well as being the first judge of East Asian descent in the Eastern District of Michigan. She is also active in the Federal Bar Association.

Judge DeClercq fills the vacancy that arose when U.S. District Judge Stephanie Dawkins Davis ascended to the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in June 2022. Judge DeClercq will be based at the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse in Detroit, one of five federal courthouses in the Eastern District of Michigan.
