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The Honorable Scott W. Dales, Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan, has announced the appointment of **Michelle M. Wilson as Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court** effective August 1, 2019.

Ms. Wilson is a West Michigan native. She earned a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Aquinas College in 1991; a master's degree in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1994; and a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1997. Ms. Wilson was admitted to the bar in Illinois in May of 1998, and has been a member of the State Bar of Michigan since 2003.

Ms. Wilson comes to the Court from the United States Department of Justice where she served for 13 years as a Trial Attorney with the United States Trustee Program. The mission of the United States Trustee Program is to promote the integrity and efficiency of the bankruptcy system for the benefit of all stakeholders including debtors, creditors, and the public. Ms. Wilson received a number of awards from the United States Trustee Program for her work in criminal enforcement, chapter 11 cases, and civil litigation matters. Ms. Wilson also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney from 2016 to 2019 with the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Western District of Michigan assisting in the investigation and prosecution of bankruptcy fraud cases.

Ms. Wilson started her legal career as an Assistant State's Attorney with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in Chicago. During her time as a prosecutor, she handled appeals, child abuse and neglect cases, juvenile delinquency cases, and prosecuted all manner of criminal cases.

Ms. Wilson is a member of the Bankruptcy Steering Committee of the Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan. She is committed to the continuing education of the bar. She is the co-chair of the Western District's annual Bankruptcy Seminar. She created and developed a Trial Advocacy Skills Workshop that has become part of the annual seminar. In addition, she created and developed Bankruptcy Boot Camp, a seminar for newer bankruptcy practitioners, that she holds semi-annually. She has been a frequent speaker at training seminars for trustees, members of the bar, and law enforcement.

Ms. Wilson is married to Brian Rogers. They are madly devoted to their two nephews. In her free time, she coaches youth soccer, and is learning to speak Spanish and play the guitar.