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The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington is pleased to announce that Michelle L. Peterson has been selected as the new magistrate judge in Seattle. Ms. Peterson will succeed Magistrate Judge James P. Donohue, who is retiring on March 1, 2019.

Ms. Peterson has a bachelor's degree from Seattle Pacific University and received her law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School. She served as a law clerk in the District of Minnesota and as a law clerk in this district for our very own Judge James L. Robart.

Ms. Peterson has extensive experience in the practice of civil and criminal law. Among her many active interests, she is a Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative, a co-chair of our Local Rules Committee, the chair of the DREAM Fund Committee of the Federal Bar Association, a member of the William L. Dwyer Inns of Court, was appointed as a special master in two putative class action cases, and she has served as a member of the Western Washington Pro Bono Panel.

Ms. Peterson has begun the background investigation process, and is anticipated to start on March 2, 2019.

