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Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty issues the following statement on behalf of the judges and staff of the Western District of Louisiana:

“With sadness, we learned of the passing of our colleague and dear friend, United States District Judge Michael Juneau, on Friday, May 12, 2023. Judge Juneau was appointed to the district court bench in Lafayette after a long career in private practice handling some of the most consequential cases in the country, including the litigation and claims process arising out of the Deepwater Horizon accident in the Gulf of Mexico. His tenure began at a time when the Western District was struggling with a backlog of cases caused when most of its judgeships remained vacant. Mike rolled up his sleeves and quickly eliminated his backlog of cases. He was innovative and efficient in handling his cases and patient with his lawyers and litigants. His actions significantly enhanced the access to justice in the Lafayette Division of the Western District of Louisiana. We have lost a beloved colleague and will miss his friendship, wisdom, and humor. We also convey our deepest sympathy to Judge Juneau’s family for their loss. Rest in peace Mike.

I have ordered that the flags at all of the federal courthouses in the Western District be lowered to half-mast in memory of Judge Juneau. The John Shaw United States Courthouse in Lafayette will be closed on Thursday, May 18, 2023, to allow our court family to attend the family visitation and celebration of life service for Judge Juneau.”