

Honorable Virginia M. Kendall

Judge Kendall was appointed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in January 2006. Prior to her appointment, she served as Deputy Chief in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office in Chicago where she worked for over ten years. During her tenure as an Assistant United States Attorney, she was appointed to the U.S. Attorney General's Advisory Committee which reviewed all multi-jurisdictional child exploitation cases, served as the Child Exploitation Coordinator in the Northern District of Illinois, and as Coordinator of Project Safe Neighborhoods.

Judge Kendall is the co-author of *Child Exploitation and Trafficking: Examining the Global Challenges and the U.S. Responses* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers 2012), with T. Markus Funk, Foreword by The Hon. Richard A. Posner and *Child Exploitation and Trafficking: Examining Global Enforcement and Supply Chain Challenges and U.S. Responses* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers 2016). She teaches law courses in trial practice, federal litigation, and human trafficking at University of Chicago Law School, Northwestern University School of Law and Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She has authored numerous articles on a variety of topics including international human rights, human trafficking, and transnational investigations. Aside from her own writing, she also serves as an editor of *Litigation Magazine* and is a member of the American Law Institute and is currently working as an Advisor to the drafting of a model penal code for sexual offenses. She currently lectures extensively both domestically and internationally in the areas of trial practice, public corruption, ethics, electronic discovery, patent litigation, social media, internet and computer investigations, intellectual property case management, child exploitation, human trafficking and judicial training.

Judge Kendall routinely travels to train judges, trial attorneys and investigators in the areas of trial law, rule of law, ethics, terrorism trials, crimes against women and children, human trafficking and public corruption. Internationally, she has traveled through the State Department, the Department of Justice, Lawyers Without Borders, and various bar associations to Tanzania, Gabon, Kenya, Egypt, Zambia, Liberia, Cyprus, India, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Italy, the UK, Thailand, China, Canada, and Japan to teach judges and trial attorneys. In June 2016, Judge Kendall was invited to the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences at the Vatican where she presented at the Judges' Summit on Human Trafficking and Organized Crime. Domestically, she has created a human trafficking training module for task forces and for judges and she regularly holds seminars to educate them and the public. She also regularly presents ethics training to the federal judiciary and judicial employees.

Prior to her time on the bench, Judge Kendall was a trial attorney and tried numerous federal jury trials involving white collar crime, insurance fraud, police corruption, public corruption, child molestation, and racketeering. Judge Kendall has received numerous awards including the St. Robert Bellarmine Award, the Damen Award, and the Distinguished Jurist Award from Loyola University for her distinguished legal work and her service to the community; the Rape Victim Advocate's Visionary Award for her work with victims of sexual violence; the Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Award for being a courageous and compassionate role model; the Women and Gender Rights Leadership Award from DePaul University School of Law; the Catholic Lawyer of the Year Award from the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago; an honorary degree for her work in human trafficking from Sienna Heights University, and an honorary degree from Dominican University which she received with her husband for their dual work serving the community.

Judge Kendall received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Northwestern University and her J.D. from Loyola University School of Law.