

# **BIOGRAPHY**

## **Honorable Heather L. Kennedy**

Clerk of Court/Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, MP



Heather L. Kennedy is the Clerk of Court and Part-time Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI). Kennedy started as Clerk of Court on April 15, 2013 and assumed magistrate judge responsibilities on June 11, 2013. She is one of three to occupy this combined position in the federal judiciary. Before joining the District Court, Kennedy was Executive Director of the Law Revision Commission and General Counsel to the NMI Judiciary, as well as the Mock Trial Coordinator for the NMI Bar Association. From 1999 to 2007, Kennedy worked as Legal Counsel and Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for the Public School System until joining the

NMI Judiciary. Before moving to Saipan in 1999, Kennedy worked as litigation associate for a corporate law firm in St. Louis, Missouri and as an Assistant Public Defender in Charlotte, North Carolina. Born in New York and raised in Connecticut, she graduated from Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina and earned her J.D. from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri.