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After 30 years of service to the Court, Matthew R. MacAvoy will retire as Chief U.S. Probation Officer for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on April 30, 2021.

Chief Judge Juan R. Sánchez announces that the Judges of the Court have unanimously selected Jana Gifford Law to succeed Mr. MacAvoy as Chief U.S. Probation Officer. Ms. Law will be the first woman to lead the U.S. Probation Office in our District. Ms. Law has provided 28 years of dedicated service to this District's Probation Office, most recently serving as Senior Deputy Chief Probation Officer. She previously served as an Assistant Deputy Chief, Supervisory Probation Officer, and Drug and Alcohol Treatment Specialist. Ms. Law began her career in this District as a Probation Officer in 1993. She holds a Master of Science (Magna Cum Laude) in Criminal Justice Administration from West Chester University. Ms. Law will assume her new position effective May 1, 2021.

Juan R. Sánchez  
Chief Judge