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*Courtroom Tools for Addressing Human Trafficking, Domestic and Sexual Violence, and Child Exploitation in the time of COVID-19*



**THE HONORABLE VIRGINIA M. KENDALL** was appointed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in January, 2006. As a federal trial judge, she has presided over 150 jury trials.

Prior to her judicial appointment, she served over ten years as a federal prosecutor in Chicago in both the Public Corruption Unit and as the Child Exploitation Coordinator where she tried dozens of jury trials. While a federal prosecutor, she was appointed to the U.S. Attorney General's Advisory Panel that reviewed all multi-jurisdictional child exploitation and trafficking cases. She is the co-author of *Child Exploitation and Trafficking: Examining Global Enforcement and Supply Chain Challenges and U.S. Responses* and *Child Exploitation and Trafficking: Examining the Global Challenges and the U.S. Responses*, with T. Markus Funk. Judge Kendall teaches human trafficking and supply chain law at Yale Law School, University of Chicago Law School, Northwestern University School of Law and Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She was the Peter and Patricia Gruber Fellow in Women's Rights at Yale Law School in 2018. She has authored numerous articles on a variety of topics including international human rights, human trafficking, public corruption, and transnational investigations. She also serves as an editor of *Litigation Magazine* and is a member of the American Law Institute where she works as an Advisor to the drafting of a model penal code for sexual offenses. She lectures extensively both domestically and internationally (more than 30 countries) in the areas of human trafficking, public corruption, ethics, and judicial training. Domestically, she created a human trafficking training module for task forces and judges that has been implemented throughout the United States. She holds numerous positions in domestic and international bar associations and is a member of the United Nations Judicial Integrity Network where she serves as an expert on judicial ethics. She was appointed by Chief Justice Roberts to the International Committee for the Courts.

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