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**NOTICE TO THE BAR
JULY 24, 2026**

The United States District Court, District of New Jersey, announced today, July 24, 2026, that Ethan A. Hougah has been selected by the Court's District Judges to be appointed United States Magistrate Judge. Judge Hougah will fill the full-time magistrate judgeship position vacated upon the retirement of Magistrate Judge Ann Marie Donio.

Judge Hougah earned his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University at Camden in 2005 and his law degree from Boston College Law School in 2010.

From 2019 to 2026, Judge Hougah was a Partner at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads LLP. Prior to becoming a Partner, he served as an Associate at the firm from 2014 to 2019. From 2013 to 2014, Judge Hougah was an Associate at Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C. From 2012 to 2013, Judge Hougah served as a law clerk to the Honorable Steven C. Mannion, United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey. From 2011 to 2012, Judge Hougah served as a law clerk to the Honorable Karen M. Williams, then United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey, currently United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. From 2010 to 2011, Judge Hougah served as a law clerk to the Honorable David W. Morgan, Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Civil Division. From 2008 to 2010, Judge Hougah was a Student Attorney at the Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau.

After an informal swearing in, Judge Hougah will assume his duties in the Mitchell H. Cohen Building and U.S. Courthouse in Camden, New Jersey effective July 23, 2026. A formal investiture ceremony will be scheduled at a later date.