

## **News Advisory**

Former federal prosecutor Jonathan Grey has officially become a federal magistrate judge in Detroit, Chief U.S. District Judge Denise Page Hood of the Eastern District of Michigan announced today (Aug. 24, 2021). He will serve an eight year term that will end Aug. 23, 2029.

Judge Grey, 39, a former assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio in Columbus, obtained his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in 2004 and his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center in 2007. He clerked for Judge W. Louis Sands of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia from 2009-10 and the late U.S. Appeals Judge Damon Keith from 2010-11. He served as an assistant U.S. attorney in Detroit from 2012-16 before transferring to Ohio.

Judge Grey's selection was announced in April pending an FBI background check. The check was completed, and his appointment became official today. He will sit in Detroit, where he will fill the upcoming magistrate judge vacancy created by the retirement of then-Executive Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen.

Judge Grey was one of five persons recommended by a Court-appointed Merit Selection Panel from among approximately 50 applicants. The Panel members included Chair Shirley Kaigler, and attorneys Daniel Dena, Steven Fishman, Lawrence Garcia, Gerald Gleeson, Deborah Gordon, Elizabeth Hardy, Michael Laramie, Michael Martin, Leroy Richie, Marlo Roebuck, as well as non-attorneys N. Charles Anderson, Mariam Noland, Dr. Blandina Rose and Mary Zatina.