

News Advisory

FEDERAL COURT NAMES NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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Chief Judge Denise Page Hood announced today that the Court has selected Jonathan Grey for appointment as United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Mr. Grey, 38, an 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 the late U.S. Appeals Judge Damon Keith from 2010-11 and served as an assistant U.S. attorney in Detroit from 2012-16 before transferring to Ohio.

Upon successful completion of a background investigation, Mr. Grey will sit in Detroit, where he will fill the upcoming magistrate judge vacancy created by the impending retirement of Executive Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen.

Mr. 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.

Mr. Grey's name has been forwarded to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts in Washington, D.C. which will initiate the required background investigations by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service. Upon the successful completion of those investigations, he will be sworn in as a magistrate judge.