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## **FEDERAL COURT NAMES ROBERT S. WHALEN MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Chief Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff announced today that the Court has selected Robert S. Whalen for appointment as United States Magistrate Judge in Detroit. Mr. Whalen's name will be forwarded to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts 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, Mr. Whalen will be sworn in as a Magistrate Judge in Detroit.

Mr. Whalen is a resident of Southfield Michigan and is a graduate of the University of Illinois and the Wayne State University Law School. Upon his selection, Mr. Whalen was a sole practitioner specializing in criminal defense in both the state and federal court. Earlier in his career, Mr. Whalen worked in the State Appellate Defender Office, at Senior Citizens Legal Aid and with the Federal Defender Officer.

Mr. Whalen was one of five persons nominated by a Court-appointed Merit Selection Panel from among 50 applicants. The Panel was chaired by attorney Robert S. Harrison with Chief Federal Defender Miriam Siefer serving as Vice Chair. Other members included Alan Gershel, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Thomas J. Bray, Columnist, Detroit News, Rabbi Joseph Krakoff and attorneys W. Mack Faison, David Griem, Barbara J. Rom, Stephen T. Rabaut and Sharon M. Woods.