



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

PRESS RELEASE

The Honorable Jonathan E. Hawley has been reappointed as a Magistrate Judge for the Central District of Illinois upon recommendation of a duly appointed Merit Selection Panel, and with the unanimous concurrence of the District Judges of the Court. Judge Hawley's reappointment is for a term of eight years beginning on March 1, 2022, when his current term is scheduled to expire. Judge Hawley will continue to preside in the Central District of Illinois's Peoria and Rock Island Divisions over civil cases by consent of the parties and preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; the trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; discovery hearings, settlement conferences, and various other pretrial hearings in civil cases; and other matters as may be assigned.

Judge Hawley was appointed as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in 2014. Before his appointment, he was the Federal Public Defender for the Central District of Illinois for three years after previously serving as the First Assistant Federal Public Defender since 2005 and as an assistant federal public defender since 1999. He began his career by serving as a law clerk to the retired Honorable Michael P. McCuskey of the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois and the late Honorable Justice James D. Heiple of the Illinois Supreme Court. Judge Hawley attended college at the University of Illinois at Chicago, with postgraduate studies in philosophy and theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, and law school at DePaul University College of Law in Chicago.

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