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**COLIN H. LINDSAY SELECTED AS U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**

Chief Judge Joseph H. McKinley, Jr. is pleased to announce the selection of Colin H. Lindsay as the United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. Mr. Lindsay will assume office January 1, 2015 upon the retirement of U.S Magistrate Judge James D. Moyer.

Mr. Lindsay, 51, was born in Morgantown, West Virginia. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from West Virginia University and his law degree from Emory University School of Law. He is admitted to practice in Kentucky and New York.

Following his graduation, Mr. Lindsay worked at the firm of Frost, Brown, Todd, LLC. Since 2002, he has been a partner in the litigation department of Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP., practicing primarily in commercial, intellectual property and product liability litigation and serving as a member of the firm's diversity committee.

Mr. Lindsay has substantial trial experience and has twice served as an adjunct instructor at the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville where he taught advanced trial practice. He was the 2009 President of the Louisville Bar Association and has recently been appointed as a member of the Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity by the president of the American Bar Association.

Mr. Lindsay has also been honored for his efforts to fight human trafficking. He was a 2013 recipient of the Liberation Award, bestowed by Kentucky Rescue and Restore for dedicated efforts to raise awareness and assist victims of human trafficking.

The Western District of Kentucky has four authorized full-time Magistrate Judge positions. The duties of Magistrate Judges include conducting preliminary proceedings in criminal cases, trial and disposition of misdemeanor actions, discovery, various other pretrial hearings in civil cases, trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants, and other matters as may be assigned. United States Magistrate Judges are appointed by the District Judges of the U.S. District Court for a term of eight years and are eligible for reappointment to successive terms.

The Magistrate Judge position requires a minimum of five years as a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, and at least five years of active practice of law. The rigorous selection process, which is governed by statute and by regulations adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States, includes detailed background reviews and interviews before a Merit Selection Panel consisting of attorneys and non-attorney public representatives. The Panel refers candidates to the District Court, where interviews are conducted by the Court's District Judges.

Mr. Lindsay will fill the vacancy that will be left upon the retirement of Magistrate Judge Moyer who has been a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky since April 1996. Mr. Lindsay will have his chambers in the Gene Snyder Courthouse in Louisville and will preside over matters assigned to the Louisville division along with petty offense matters occurring at Ft. Knox.