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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**REGINA S. EDWARDS 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 Regina S. Edwards as the United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. Ms. Edwards will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Magistrate Judge Dave Whalin.

Ms. Edwards, 52, was born and raised in Harlan County, Kentucky. She graduated with honors from the University of Kentucky obtaining bachelor degrees in psychology and sociology. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt School of Law where she was a GM Scholar and president of the Vanderbilt Black Law Students Association. She is currently employed as an Assistant United States Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Kentucky. During her tenure with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Edwards served as Chief of the Civil Division, overseeing both affirmative and defensive federal civil litigation in the Western District. She has also served as the First Assistant U.S. Attorney where her duties included management of the operations of the U.S. Attorney's Office including criminal and civil litigation, budget, personnel and administrative functions.

In addition to her duties within the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Edwards has held a number of collateral roles with the Department of Justice including serving as an investigator and mediator with the Department's EEO program and as an evaluator with the Executive Office for United States Attorneys' Evaluation and Review Program which conducts internal audits of U.S. Attorney's Offices across the country. Ms. Edwards is also a frequent instructor at the National Advocacy Center.

Prior to working for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Edwards was an associate at Frost, Brown, Todd, LLC and clerked for the Honorable John T. Nixon, Federal District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Throughout her career, Ms. Edwards has been involved with a number of community boards and civic organizations. She also holds a culinary degree which she has used to teach basic cooking skills to children at community centers in Louisville.

She resides in Old Historic Louisville with her husband and three children.

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.

Ms. Edwards will fill the vacancy that will be left upon the retirement of Magistrate Judge Whalin who has been a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky since 2004. Ms. Edwards will have her 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.