



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

KEVIN J. DOYLE SELECTED AS U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The United States District Court for the District of Vermont is pleased to announce that Assistant United States Attorney Kevin J. Doyle of South Burlington, Vermont has been selected to become the district's next United States Magistrate Judge upon the retirement of the Honorable John M. Conroy in February of 2021. Mr. Doyle joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Vermont in 2007 and served in the Civil Division for four years and in the Criminal Division for seven years. In 2018, he was promoted to First Assistant United States Attorney, where he currently manages the day-to-day operations of the U.S. Attorney's Office staff of fifty-six employees. Mr. Doyle's diverse professional experiences have provided a variety of perspectives on the administration of justice, including judicial clerkships with three federal judges.

The selection of a magistrate judge is governed by statute and by regulations adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States. The court had the outstanding assistance of a Merit Selection Panel, which screened and interviewed candidates and made a recommendation to the district judges of best qualified candidates. The Panel, comprised of both attorneys and non-attorneys, was chaired by Mark Redmond. Members of the Panel included Kyle Dodson, Amy Mellencamp, Joseph McNamara, Mark Kaplan, Esq., Natasha Sen, Esq., Elizabeth Quinn, Esq., Hon. Marilyn Skoglund (ret.), and United States Attorney Christina Nolan.

The term of office for a magistrate judge is eight years, with the opportunity of renewal of additional terms. Magistrate judges perform a variety of duties for the court, including conducting preliminary proceedings in federal criminal cases and the trial and disposition of federal misdemeanor cases upon consent of the litigants. They conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings upon referral from a district judge of the court and the trial and disposition of federal civil cases upon consent of the litigants.