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**MATTHEW A. STINNETT SELECTED AS U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**

Chief Judge Karen K. Caldwell is pleased to announce the selection of Matthew A. Stinnett as United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Mr. Stinnett will fill the vacancy created by the elevation of the Honorable Robert E. Wier to United States District Judge. Magistrate Judge Stinnett was sworn in by Chief Judge Caldwell during a private ceremony that took place at the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse in Lexington on October 26, 2018. A public investiture ceremony will be held on November 30, 2018.

The U.S. District Judges of the Eastern District of Kentucky appointed a thirteen-member Merit Selection Panel to review applications, interview prospective candidates, and recommend to the District Judges the candidates they deemed best qualified for the position. 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. Matters before Magistrate Judge Stinnett will be conducted in the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse in Lexington.

Mr. Stinnett is a graduate of Transylvania University where he was a William T. Young Scholar, and Northern Kentucky University, Salmon P. Chase College of Law where he was a President's Scholar, Order of the Curia. Upon graduation from law school in 2006, he joined the firm of Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP. In 2015, Mr. Stinnett joined the firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC as a member and remained there until his appointment as a magistrate judge. Mr. Stinnett's private practice included the litigation of a wide variety of complex business and commercial litigation matters, with special emphasis on commercial leasehold disputes, toxic tort liability, products liability, corporate governance disputes and trust and estate litigation. He has represented clients ranging from Fortune 200 companies to small businesses and family trusts.

Mr. Stinnett was born and raised in Ashland, Kentucky and now resides in Lexington with his wife and two children.