

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

After receiving the report of the Merit Retention Panel established for the purpose of considering the reappointment, the District Judges of the Southern District of Illinois have voted to reappoint United States Magistrate Judge Donald G. Wilkerson to a new eight year term upon the expiration of his term on January 3, 2013. Magistrate Judge Wilkerson will start the new term on January 4, 2013.

Magistrate Judge Wilkerson joined the Southern District of Illinois in January 2005. A 1993 graduate of St. Louis University School of Law, Magistrate Judge Wilkerson has previous experience in the private practice of law and as an Assistant United States Attorney. Magistrate Judge Wilkerson is a native of East St. Louis and a lifelong resident of southern Illinois.

Consistent with his current duties, Magistrate Judge Wilkerson will handle pretrial civil and criminal matters, civil trials (with the consent of the parties), and settlement conferences in civil cases. Magistrate judges play a vital role in the progress of litigation in the federal court.