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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA  
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The United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa is pleased to announce the selection of a new United States Magistrate Judge. On October 14, 2022, the Court selected Judge William P. Kelly for this position. Judge Kelly is currently a state district judge in the Iowa District Court for Polk County, Iowa. Prior to becoming a state judge in 2015, Judge Kelly was a partner with the Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shoers & Roberts, P.C. law firm in Des Moines, Iowa. Judge Kelly has served in the Iowa Army National Guard since 1995 and has attained the rank of Colonel. Judge Kelly is a graduate of Drake University Law School.

The process of becoming a United States Magistrate Judge is rigorous. By statute, the Court formed a merit selection panel consisting of prominent attorneys and lay people from the Southern District of Iowa. The merit selection panel interviewed candidates and selected five persons to submit to the Court for its consideration. After interviews of all five candidates by the magistrate judges and district judges of the district, Judge Kelly was selected.

Judge Kelly succeeds the Honorable Stephen H. Locher, who was nominated by President Biden, and confirmed by the Senate, to become a district judge in the Southern District of Iowa.