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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ROANOKE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF

Robert S. Ballou  
United States Magistrate Judge  
for the Western District of Virginia

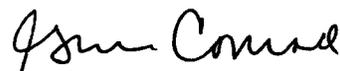
In accordance with the authority conferred by 28 U.S.C. § 631 et seq., the authority granted and action taken by the Judicial Conference of the United States, and consistent with the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel, it is ORDERED that Robert S. Ballou is appointed United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Virginia at Roanoke, Virginia, for an eight (8) year term, commencing October 3, 2011.

Prior to the commencement of his term the magistrate judge shall take the oath or affirmation prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 453.

The United States Magistrate Judge is authorized and designated to perform the duties as specified under 28 U.S.C. § 636(a) and (b), and is designated by the court to conduct any and all civil proceedings, including, but not limited to, jury or non-jury trial of civil cases, upon the consent of the parties, as specified under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). To the extent not previously specified, the magistrate judge is authorized to perform all other functions and duties as may be permitted under any statute of the United States or by local rule of the court.

The Clerk shall cause certified copies of this order to be entered of record in each of the divisions of this Court and shall forward a certified copy of this order to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the United States Magistrate Judge.

ENTER: This 3rd day of October, 2011.



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Glen E. Conrad, Chief United States District Judge