

Announcement of the Appointment of
Joel C. Hoppe as Magistrate Judge
For the Western District of Virginia
In the Harrisonburg Division

The Judges of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia take great pleasure in announcing that Joel C. Hoppe has been selected to serve as Magistrate Judge in the Harrisonburg Division of the District. Mr. Hoppe was chosen from a group of five persons recommended to the Court by the Merit Selection Panel. His appointment as Magistrate Judge is subject to satisfactory completion of standard background checks. Mr. Hoppe, a native of Richmond, graduated from the University of Virginia in 1998, and received his law degree from the University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law in 2002. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Hoppe worked as a law clerk to Magistrate Judges in the Western and Eastern Districts of Virginia. He went on to become an attorney with the Virginia Attorney General's Office where he represented the Virginia Department of Corrections and its employees in civil cases in both the state and federal courts. Mr. Hoppe joined the law firm of Spotts Fain, P.C., in 2006 as an associate attorney where his practice involved the representation of individuals and corporations. In 2007, he was appointed to serve as an Assistant Federal Public Defender, and during his tenure, has represented indigent federal criminal defendants in the Harrisonburg and Charlottesville Divisions of court. The term of appointment of a magistrate judge is for eight years, with the possibility of reappointment. Mr. Hoppe is expected to take the bench in early 2014.

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2013



Hon. Glen E. Conrad
Chief United States District Judge