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U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO SELECTS MAGISTRATE JUDGE

CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO, OH - JULY 30, 2010: Attorney James R. Knepp, II was sworn in today to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge in Toledo for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Magistrate Judge Knepp was selected by the Judges of the District Court to serve an 8-year term. Magistrate Judge Knepp is vicing Magistrate Judge Vernelis K. Armstrong, who entered into retired-recalled status on February 28, 2010.

Chief Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr. stated, "Jim's background and reputation indicates he will do well. We are extremely pleased to have him join us as a Magistrate Judge."

Magistrate Judge Knepp received his Juris Doctor from the University of Toledo College of Law in 1992, serving as class valedictorian and graduating *summa cum laude*. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio in 1986 where he graduated *magna cum laude* and a Master's Degree from Bowling Green State University in 1987.

Magistrate Judge Knepp served as a law clerk to the Honorable John W. Potter of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio from 1992-1994. Until his appointment as magistrate judge, he was a

partner and member of the management committee of Robison, Curphey & O'Connell where he practiced general litigation, including representation in health care, product liability, and transportation.

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio has court locations in Cleveland, Akron, Toledo, and Youngstown and serves 5.9 million citizens in the 40 northernmost counties in Ohio.

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