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Raymond E. Patricco, Jr. Selected for Appointment as New Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Idaho

BOISE – Chief District Judge David C. Nye of the United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Idaho has announced the selection of Raymond E. Patricco, Jr. for appointment as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Idaho.

Mr. Patricco will begin work on June 11, 2021. He succeeds Chief Magistrate Judge Ronald E. Bush, who is retiring from the bench after serving as a federal and state judge for nearly 18 years.

Born in Newark, New Jersey, Mr. Patricco, 51, is a graduate of Harvard University, *cum laude*, and received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. He has been admitted to practice law in Idaho, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. After his graduation from law school, he worked as a law clerk with the Honorable John P. Wiese of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Presently, Mr. Patricco is the Senior Litigation Counsel in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Idaho, where he handles a full caseload and is responsible for training and development of attorneys in the early years of their careers. He also has served as the acting Criminal Chief in the Idaho office, where he has worked since 2011. From 2000 until his move to Idaho, Mr. Patricco worked in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. In that office, Mr. Patricco served as the Chief of the Financial Crimes Unit, as the Deputy Criminal Chief, and as the Chief/Deputy Chief of the Narcotics Unit. He has extensive trial and appellate court experience in complex and high-profile cases. Mr. Patricco has received national awards for superior performance from the U.S. Department of Justice for his work on cases in both the District of Idaho and the District of Eastern Virginia.

Before beginning work as a federal prosecutor, Mr. Patricco worked for four years with the firm of Steptoe & Johnson, LLC, in its Washington, D.C. office, working in both civil litigation and criminal defense.

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“I am honored and humbled to have been selected to succeed Judge Bush as the next United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Idaho,” Mr. Patricco said upon learning of his appointment. “His are big shoes to fill. As he did when he succeeded Judge Boyle in 2008, I hope to carry on the tradition of excellence in jurisprudence that began with Judge Williams. I do not take the challenge lightly because the work of a magistrate judge is important and requires dedication, an open mind, and an unbending commitment to the rule of law.”

The process of selecting a federal magistrate judge is prescribed by federal law. It includes an application process, followed by a comprehensive merit review and evaluation process utilizing a panel of persons from around the District of Idaho. After receiving the merit review panel’s recommendations, the new judge is selected by the active district judges. According to Chief District Judge Nye, “All of the applicants recommended to the district judges by the merit review panel were remarkable and qualified applicants. Those applicants included several distinguished lawyers and experienced state court judges who were qualified to serve as federal judges. In the end, Mr. Patricco’s long experience in federal litigation made him well-qualified, well-prepared, and a unanimous choice to serve in the federal judiciary.”

The United States District Court for the District of Idaho has two district judges and two magistrate judges.

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