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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
REAPPOINTS TWO MAGISTRATE JUDGES

Rochester, NY – Chief United States District Judge Elizabeth A. Wolford has announced that the Court has reappointed the Honorable H. Kenneth Schroeder, Jr., and the Honorable Michael J. Roemer as magistrate judges of the United States District Court for the Western District of New York, each for an additional eight-year term. Judge Schroeder was first appointed on June 1, 2000, and Judge Roemer on December 18, 2015. Magistrate judges serve an eight-year term subject to reappointment. This is the fourth reappointment for Judge Schroeder and the first reappointment for Judge Roemer. Both judges sit in the Robert H. Jackson Courthouse in Buffalo.

The reappointment process for a federal magistrate judge is established by the Judicial Conference of the United States. The District Judges of the Western District appointed a Merit Selection Reappointment Panel, chaired by Buffalo attorney Susan C. Roney, Esq., of Nixon Peabody LLP. “Susan has served the court with great distinction during both reappointments,” stated Chief Judge Wolford. “The work of the Merit Selection Reappointment Panel is critical to the success of any district court, and we are most grateful for the work of our panel. And we are especially grateful that both Judges Schroeder and Roemer each wished to serve another term. Our Court is fortunate to count such distinguished and qualified jurists among its magistrate judges.”

Magistrate judges conduct a variety of criminal and civil proceedings, including issuing warrants, conducting preliminary proceedings in criminal cases, and handling pretrial motions and hearings in civil and criminal cases.

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