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RETIRING JUDGE, NEW JUDGE, NEW CHIEF JUDGES AND NEW RULES: 2016 BRINGS SEVERAL CHANGES TO US DISTRICT COURT IN EASTERN MISSOURI

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The new year brings changes to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

New Chief District Judge

Honorable Rodney W. Sippel begins his seven-year term as the new Chief Judge today, succeeding Honorable Catherine D. Perry. Judge Perry will remain an active full-time judge with the Court. As Judge Sippel stated, "Judge Perry has served this Court in an exemplary manner as Chief Judge. Under her leadership this Court is a model of collegiality and service."

New Chief Magistrate Judge

Today also marks the beginning of Honorable Nannette A. Baker's term as Chief Magistrate Judge. She succeeds the Honorable Thomas C. Mummert, who retires today. Judge Mummert served twenty years as a United States Magistrate Judge. He was nationally renowned as a teacher of other federal judges, and highly respected locally due to his humility, candor, wit, and common-sense judicial temperament. His lifelong dedication to public service also included his work in state court as a Circuit Judge and Presiding Judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit.

New Magistrate Judge

While Judge Baker will assume Judge Mummert's role as Chief Magistrate Judge, his judicial vacancy is filled by Honorable Patricia L. Cohen. Judge Cohen was sworn in today to begin her work as a new Magistrate Judge. Judge Cohen previously served as a Judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District of Missouri and as a Circuit Judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit.

New Local Rules

Today also marks the effective date for three new local rules. These rules, originally published for comment in November, deal with attorney admissions, bonds and sureties, and documents filed under seal. For more information on the new rules that were published in November go to: <http://www.moed.uscourts.gov/public-notice-0>