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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Third Judicial District Announces New Magistrate Judge

The Third Judicial District Magistrates Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of Kelly R. Whiting as Payette County Magistrate Judge. Whiting was selected from 7 applicants, 4 of whom were interviewed by the Commission on September 10, 2026. Whiting is anticipated to assume his new role in October of 2026, filling the vacancy created by the recent retirement of Payette County Magistrate Judge Robert L. Jackson.

As a native of Payette County, Whiting graduated from Fruitland High School before attending the United States Military Academy and Harvard Law School. Whiting is a veteran of the United States Army and has operated a sole-practitioner firm in Payette County for 24 years. Whiting is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association (inactive) and the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association.

An investiture will be scheduled at a later date, to take place at the Payette County Courthouse, located at 1130 3rd Avenue North in Payette, Idaho. Any questions regarding the event may be directed to the office of the District 3 Trial Court Administrator.