

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Richmond Division**

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Mark R. Colombell was sworn in on May 10, 2021 as the newest United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. He will sit in the Richmond Division.

Judge Colombell began his legal career as a law clerk for the Honorable Michael C. Allen (Ret.), Chesterfield County Circuit Court. Judge Colombell spent the next 18 years as a civil litigator with the law firm of *ThompsonMcMullan, P.C.* He is a graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law in Richmond, Virginia.

Judge Colombell was unanimously selected for an eight-year term by the federal district judges in Richmond on the recommendation of a magistrate selection committee composed of lawyers and other citizens of the Richmond area. For further information, contact the chambers of the Honorable John A. Gibney at 804-916-2870.