

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

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Elizabeth W. Hanes was sworn in on June 12, 2020 as the newest United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. She will sit in the Richmond Division.

Judge Hanes began her legal career as a law clerk for the Honorable Robert B. King, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the Honorable Joseph R. Goodwin, United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia. She served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender from 2009 until 2016. Prior to her appointment, Judge Hanes was a civil litigator with the law firm Consumer Litigation Associates, P.C. She is a graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law in Richmond, Virginia.

Judge Hanes 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.