

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

FERNANDO GALINDO
CLERK OF COURT

MARK S. DAVIS
CHIEF JUDGE

ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

November 28, 2023

On November 21, 2023, the Court entered an order appointing William B. Porter as a Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in the Alexandria Division. By that order, Mr. Porter will begin his service on February 5, 2024.

Mr. Porter is a 1992 graduate of Randolph-Macon College and a 1997 honors graduate of the George Mason University School of Law.

Mr. Porter served as a law clerk to the Honorable Arthur B. Vieregg, Jr., of Virginia's 19th Judicial Circuit (Fairfax County) from 1997 to 1998. He then joined Blankingship & Keith, P.C. in Fairfax, Virginia, where he will remain until he is sworn in. For the last ten years, Mr. Porter has served as the managing partner of Blankingship & Keith.

Mr. Porter is a permanent member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, and he served as the President of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Federal Bar Association from 2018 to 2019. He has served the Virginia State Bar in multiple ways, including on the faculty of the Harry Carrico Professionalism Course, as a Bar Counsel Representative for the 19th Judicial Circuit from 2012 to 2018, and on the 5th District Disciplinary Committee from 2006 to 2012.

Mr. Porter has served as a substitute judge of the Arlington County General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts since 2012.

Mr. Porter was selected for an eight-year term by the United States District Judges of the Eastern District of Virginia on the recommendation of a volunteer merit selection panel comprised of lawyers and other citizens from Northern Virginia.