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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
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Press Release

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
SELECTS A NEW CLERK OF COURT**

Chief Judge Stephen R. Clark announced that the District Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri have selected Nathan M. Graves as the next Clerk of Court. Graves will assume the position on January 16, 2024. The Clerk of Court is responsible for managing the operational and administrative functions of the Court and reports to the Chief Judge.

Graves commented, “The administration of justice in any court is carried out by a hard-working team of professionals who ensure operations are efficient and effective and I’m excited to join the District Court’s team to continue this important work. I am proud of the work I helped accomplish at the Circuit Court during my career and look forward to this new chapter and the opportunity to build upon the strong foundation of excellence already in place at the District Court.”

Graves presently serves as the Court Administrator for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit of Missouri, overseeing the administration of the court. He has performed in this role for over six years. Before that, Graves was Assistant Superintendent of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Family Court (2013-2017); Program Coordinator / Family Court – Juvenile Division (2008-2013) and Activity Coordinator / Family Court – Juvenile Division (2002-2008).

“Our judges and staff are beyond grateful to Nathan for his more than two decades of service to our courts,” said Presiding Circuit Judge Elizabeth Byrne Hogan. “As our Court Administrator for the past six plus years, Nathan’s experience, professionalism, and patience have helped us navigate many

unexpected challenges, particularly those brought on by a global pandemic. Nathan has consistently demonstrated his ability to adapt to any situation with steady and strong leadership. We could not be more appreciative of his time here and we wish him the best in his new endeavor.”

Graves received his Master in Public Policy Administration from the University of Missouri, St. Louis in 2009 and Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Truman University in 1999. He was selected for this leadership position as the top candidate from a pool of talented and highly qualified applicants.

Chief Judge Clark stated, “The District Judges unanimously selected Nathan Graves based on his extensive experience in court administration and management. We are delighted to have Nathan join our Court to lead our team of public-service professionals. We are confident that Nathan will build on the strengths of our Court.” Clark continued, “Nathan’s strong leadership skills will enhance the administration of justice that we provide on a daily basis.”

Chief Judge Clark also thanked outgoing Clerk of Court Greg Linhares for his service, “Greg Linhares served our Court for nine years and saw us through not only the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic but also the constraints of ever-challenging budgets, to name a couple. Greg’s dedication to the Court will be missed, and we wish him the best of success as he transitions to the private sector.”

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri serves 49 counties in the eastern half of Missouri. The judges in the Eastern District sit in St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, and Hannibal, Missouri. The Court currently has five active district judges, three district-judge vacancies, five senior district judges, and eight magistrate judges.