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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

JILL E. McCOOK SELECTED AS MAGISTRATE JUDGE

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, October 7, 2021 - The district judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee announce the selection of Jill E. McCook as the Court's next United States Magistrate Judge. McCook will succeed Magistrate Judge H. Bruce Guyton, who will retire from the bench in January 2022.

McCook has served as an attorney for the Tennessee Valley Authority for the past three and a half years. Prior to that, she was an attorney at the law firms Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C., and Greenberg Traurig, LLP, and a law clerk to District Judge Thomas A. Varlan. She has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Tennessee College of Law where she taught legal process. McCook graduated *magna cum laude* from Emory & Henry College with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Economics. She graduated *cum laude* with a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Washington & Lee University School of Law and is admitted to practice in both Tennessee and New York.

McCook will join Magistrate Judge Debra C. Poplin in Knoxville, Chief Magistrate Judge Susan K. Lee and Magistrate Judge Christopher H. Steger in Chattanooga, and Magistrate Judge Cynthia R. Wyrick in Greeneville.

Chief Judge Travis R. McDonough, on behalf of the Court, stated: "The Court chose Ms. McCook from a very competitive group of candidates. She has the character, ability, and temperament to serve the Court and the public well. We offer our sincere thanks to the chairman of the merit-selection committee, Wayne Ritchie, as well as every committee member: Maha M. Ayesh, Jim Fowler, Tanya Ickowitz, Dwight Tarwater, Karmen Waters, and Melanie Wilson."

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