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Mr. William Kaetz  
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Dear Mr. Kaetz:

This is in response to your request for copies of the appointment affidavits, oaths of office, Senate confirmations and commission documents for United States district judges and magistrate judges in the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Although the Administrative Office does not release copies of the individual documents, this letter confirms that the following judges have been appointed as judges, and took the oaths as prescribed by law (see enclosed chart). Please note that United States magistrate judges are not appointed by the President and therefore do not receive Senate confirmation or a Presidential commission. The text of the oath of office for judges may be found in the United States Code at 28 U.S.C. § 453 and 5 U.S.C. § 3331.

Please also be advised that the Freedom of Information Act does not apply to "courts of the United States", an exemption that has been construed to extend to the entire federal judicial branch including the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Judicial Conference of the United States. See 5 U.S.C. § 551(1)(B), 552(f).

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan S. Jackson".

Dan S. Jackson  
Chief, Judges Compensation  
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Enclosure

<b>NAME and TITLE</b>	<b>Appointment Affidavits</b>	<b>Oath of Office Date</b>	<b>Senate Confirmation</b>	<b>Commission</b>
Thomas I. Vanaskie Chief District Judge	1-Mar-1994	1-Mar-1994	10-Feb-1994	11-Feb-1994
A. Richard Caputo District Judge	15-Dec-1997	15-Dec-1997	9-Nov-1997	12-Nov-1997
Christopher C. Conner District Judge	2-Aug-2002	2-Aug-2002	26-Aug-2002	29-Jul-2002
James M. Muiey District Judge	26-Oct-1998	26-Oct-1998	21-Oct-1998	22-Oct-1998
Yvette Kane District Judge	27-Oct-1998	27-Oct-1998	21-Oct-1998	22-Oct-1998
John E. Jones III District Judge	2-Aug-2002	2-Aug-2002	29-Aug-2002	31-Jul-2002
William J. Nealon, Jr. Senior District Judge	15-Dec-1962	15-Dec-1962	15-Mar-1963	13-Dec-1962
Malcolm Muir Senior District Judge	30-Oct-1970	6-Nov-1970	8-Oct-1970	14-Oct-1970
Richard P. Conaboy District Judge	6-Aug-1979	6-Aug-1979	July 23, 1979	24-Jul-1979
Sylvia H. Rambo Senior District Judge	8-Aug-1979	8-Aug-1979	July 23, 1979	24-Jul-1979
William W. Caldwell Senior District Judge	27-Apr-1982	27-Apr-1982	18-Mar-1982	19-Mar-1982

Edwin M. Kosik Senior District Judge	15-Jul-1986	15-Jul-1986	13-Jun-1986	16-Jun-1986
James F. McClure, Jr. District Judge	7-May-1990	7-May-1990	27-Apr-1990	30-Apr-1990
	<b>Order</b>	<b>Appointment</b>		
Thomas M. Blewitt Magistrate Judge	21-Feb-1992	21-Feb-1992		
J. Andrew Smyser Magistrate Judge	15-Jun-1982	15-Jun-1982		
Malachy E. Mannion Magistrate Judge	4-Jan-2001	4-Jan-2001		
William H. Askey Magistrate Judge	18-Jun-1987	31-May-1987		