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Madison, Wisconsin - On Thursday, May 5, 2022, Joel W. Turner was sworn in as the Clerk of Court of the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin by Chief Judge James D. Peterson. Turner fills the vacancy created by the retirement of the former clerk of court, Peter A Oppeneer.

“Joel is great colleague, and he will be a great clerk,” said Peterson. “He’ll continue the tradition of efficient public service in the Western District. Those who use the court already benefit from many of his contributions.”

Turner is a graduate of Edgewood College with a degree in Business Administration. He has twenty-six years of management experience, which has focused on applying information technology to court operations. He joined the Western District of Wisconsin in August 2004, and he has served as the court's Chief Deputy Clerk for the past 18 years. He was the Assistant Circuit Executive for Information Technology for the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York from 1997 to 2004.

As Clerk of Court, Turner reports to the judges of the Western District. The Clerk leads an office of about twenty employees who docket and process filings in civil and criminal cases, arrange for jury service, and support courtroom operations. In addition to leading the clerk’s office staff, Turner’s responsibilities include managing the Court’s budget, information technology, and facilities.

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