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Carlton S. Shier, IV to Serve as Acting United States Attorney

LEXINGTON, Ky. – United States Attorney Robert M. Duncan, Jr., has announced that, following his resignation on Sunday, January 24, 2021, First Assistant United States Attorney Carlton S. Shier, IV will serve as the Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Shier has served as the First Assistant U.S. Attorney since 2013. As the First Assistant, he has acted as the U.S. Attorney's principal deputy and advisor, supporting the U.S. Attorney in managing the operations of the Lexington headquarters, and its two branch offices in Fort Mitchell and London. Shier previously served as the Acting U.S. Attorney from January to November of 2017.

The Eastern District of Kentucky encompasses the 67 easternmost counties in the Commonwealth, has a population of approximately 2.2 million, and includes the cities of Lexington, Covington, Frankfort, Ashland, Pikeville, Somerset, and London. The United States Attorney oversees a staff of approximately 110, including 49 Assistant U.S. Attorneys, and is responsible for prosecuting federal crimes and representing the United States in civil litigation, in the Eastern District of Kentucky.

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