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Biography

R. Steven Whalen was invested as a United States Magistrate Judge in September, 2002, and appointed Executive Magistrate Judge in November, 2003.

A native of Chicago, Magistrate Judge Whalen received his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois, and his J.D. from the Wayne State University Law School. He began his career at the Senior Citizens Legal Aid Project in Detroit, worked for a number of years as an Assistant Defender at the State Appellate Defender Office, and then moved on to private practice, specializing in criminal defense at both the trial and appellate levels. In addition to arguing numerous cases in the Michigan Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court, Judge Whalen has been a frequent lecturer in the area of criminal law, and in 2002, working under a grant from the Michigan Justice Training Commission, published a comprehensive manual and form book for Michigan criminal appeals. In 2006, he was elected a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation.



