

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**APPOINTMENT OF A NEW
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Notice is hereby given of a vacancy, effective September 1, 2020, for a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The duties of the position are demanding and include:

- (1) in criminal matters, presiding over most preliminary proceedings, trials and disposition of misdemeanor cases, and various pretrial and evidentiary proceedings, upon referral or delegation from a District Judge; and reviewing and determining government applications for surveillance and warrants; and
- (2) in civil matters, presiding over trials and other dispositions, upon consent of the litigants; overseeing pretrial discovery; and conducting mediations.

The basic authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636, and further specified under the Local Rules of this Court, see LCvRs 72.1-73.1; LCrRs 32.1, 57.17 and 58-59.

To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must:

- (1) be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the United States Virgin Islands;
- (2) have been engaged in the active practice of law for at least five years. The court may consider, as substitute experience for the active practice of law, experience as a state judicial officer; a federal magistrate judge, bankruptcy judge or other federal judicial officer; an attorney for a federal or state agency; a law clerk, staff attorney or pro se law clerk (maximum two years); and other substantial legal experience;
- (3) be competent to perform all the duties of the office, of good moral character, emotionally stable and mature, committed to equal justice under the law, in good health, patient, courteous, and capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (4) not be 70 years of age or older, for an initial appointment; and
- (5) not be related to a Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia within the degree of first cousin.

A Merit Selection Panel ("Panel") composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the District Judges in confidence the five applicants

whom the Panel considers best qualified. The Court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the Court for appointment. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 90 Stat. 1824 (codified at 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101-111), as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

The essential function of the courts is to dispense justice. An important component of this function is the creation and maintenance of diversity in the court system. A community's belief that a court dispenses justice is heightened when the court reflects the community's diversity. Thus, an affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, sex, gender, gender identity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age (40 and over), or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$194,028 per annum. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms and more information on the Magistrate Judge position in this Court may be obtained from Angela Caesar, Clerk of Court, at the E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse, 333 Constitution Ave., NW, Room 1130, Washington, DC 20001. The form is also available online at the Court's website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov.

Applications must be submitted personally by the applicant and include a statement that the applicant is willing to serve if selected. **The original application along with 11 hard copies must be received no later than Tuesday, December 31, 2019.**

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applicants will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the Judges of the District Court. The Panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

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