

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
1996-03-02
GENERAL ORDER
No. 96-3

ORDER APPOINTING MERIT SELECTION PANEL

Considering that the Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized an additional United States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana (full time) and, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Magistrate Act of 1979 and the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment of United States Magistrate Judges, the following persons are hereby appointed as the Merit Selection Panel of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana:

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The Merit Selection Panel shall, in accordance with the Federal Magistrate Act of 1979 and following the procedure, qualifications and other regulations established by the Judicial Conference, investigate the qualifications of applicants for the office of United State Magistrate Judge (full time) for the Middle District of Louisiana and shall submit a report to the Court not more than ninety days after the date of this order specifying the five persons the Panel has determined as best qualified.

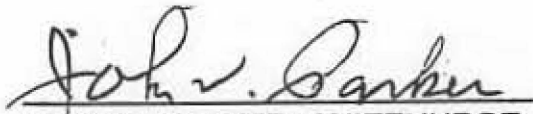
All information available to members of the Panel in the performance of their duties, including the names of potential nominees and the identity of individuals recommended by the Panel shall be kept in strict confidence and a statement regarding confidentiality shall be included in all notices published.

The Chairman of the Merit Selection Panel shall preside at all meetings, shall arrange the meetings, and may organize the Panel into subcommittees and otherwise provide for such division of duties as he may consider appropriate.

Administrative and housekeeping support for the Merit Selection Panel shall be provided by the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, October 8, 1996.

FOR THE COURT


JOHN V. PARKER, CHIEF JUDGE
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