

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

GENERAL ORDER

NO. 2019- 02

ORDER APPOINTING MERIT SELECTION PANEL

Effective June 3, 2019 the following persons are hereby appointed as the Merit Selection Panel of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana to consider the appointment of a United States Magistrate Judge 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 States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana and must report to the court the results of its activities within ninety days after its creation. The report of the Panel must specify the five applicants the Panel has determined are best qualified.

Panel members shall be presented with written notice of the restriction in the *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, § 420.30.20(d) regarding their application for Magistrate Judge positions.

All information available to members of the Panel in 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 Co-chairpersons 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 they may consider appropriate.

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

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 9, 2019.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shelly D. Dick". The signature is written in a cursive style.

SHELLY D. DICK, CHIEF JUDGE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA



PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a third fulltime United States Magistrate Judge (19-USDC-9) for the Middle District of Louisiana in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The essential function of 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 racial, ethnic, and gender diversity.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a District Judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. 636.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

- 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 Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutions authorized);
- Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- Be less than seventy years old; and
- Not be related to a Judge of the District Court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the district judges in confidence the five persons it 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 pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 90 Stat. 1824 (1978)(codified at 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101-111) as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$191,360. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms are available online at www.lamd.uscourts.gov/employment. Application forms must be submitted only by applicants personally and must be received by Monday, June 3, 2019 at 12:00 PM CST to be considered. Return completed application form to the Clerk of Court by submitting the electronic application form via email or via the United States Postal Service.

applymj@lamd.uscourts.gov

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United States District Court
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More information on the Magistrate Judge position in this court may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court, Michael L. McConnell. All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure. All applications will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the Judges of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. The Panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana is an Equal Opportunity Employer.