UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-14

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL MAGISTRATE JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL REGARDING THE UPCOMING MAGISTRATE JUDGE VACANCY IN MIAMI, FLORIDA



Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Magistrates Act, 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5); the regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment of United States Magistrate Judges; and by action of the Judges of this Court, the residents of this District listed below are hereby appointed as members of the Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel for the upcoming vacancy due to the retirement of Chief Magistrate Judge John J. O'Sullivan on January 7, 2022.

The duty of this Panel is to consider and recommend to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida persons qualified to fill one (1) full-time United States Magistrate Judge position with its duty station in Miami, Florida.

The members of the Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel are as follows:

- Chair: Thomas E. Scott, Jr., Esq.
- Members: David Buckner, Esq. Rachel Furst, Esq. Markenzy Lapointe, Esq. Corali Lopez-Castro, Esq. Ricardo M. Martinez-Cid, Esq. Abigail Price-Williams, Esq. Denella Ri'chard (non-attorney) H. T. Smith, Jr., Esq. Ryan Ulloa, Esq. Dr. Diane Walder (non-attorney)

The Panel will receive and examine applications in order to recommend to the Court the names of three (3) applicants whose character, experience, ability, and commitment to equal justice under law fully qualify them to serve as United States Magistrate Judge. Comments in connection with applicants may also be sent to the Panel in care of the Court Administrator at 400 North Miami Avenue, Room 8N09, Miami, Florida 33128, and should be marked "Confidential" or sent via email to FLSD_MagistrateJudgeRecruitment@flsd.uscourts.gov. The Panel will meet in person as necessary, interview applicants, and will make its recommendation of three (3) applicants to the Court by May 3, 2021.

All Panel members have been advised in writing of the restriction set forth in § 420.30.20(d) of the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges.

Angela E. Noble, Court Administrator • Clerk of Court, is hereby appointed as staff assistant to render such service as may be required by the Panel in performing its functions.

This Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel and the term of each member shall expire on June 30, 2021, unless otherwise extended or modified by order of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida this <u>16th</u> day of February 2021.

K. MICHÀEL MOORE CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

 c: The Honorable William H. Pryor, Jr., Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit All Southern District and Magistrate Judges Members of the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel Mr. William Barto, Chief, Judicial Services Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts Ms. Angela E. Noble, Court Administrator · Clerk of Court Library