

Press Release

Chief United States District Judge William J. Zloch announced today that Patrick A. White has been selected by the Court's active district judges to be appointed United States Magistrate Judge. On April 2, 2003, Mr. White will fill the magistrate judgeship position being vacated upon the retirement of United States Magistrate Judge Charlene H. Sorrentino.

Mr. White earned his undergraduate degree from Colgate University and his law degree from Howard University School of Law. He has served with distinction during the last fourteen years as an Assistant United States Attorney and as special counsel to several of the District's United States Attorneys. Prior to that service, he was employed for nearly ten years by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Miami-Dade County.

The announcement of Mr. White's selection culminates a broad search process that began last summer. During that search, 39 applicants submitted their qualifications to a selection panel appointed by the Court. The selection panel reviewed those submissions and elected to interview 14 candidates in person. Those interviews resulted in the Panel's recommendation of five finalists to the Court. Finalists were interviewed by the Court's active district judges in October, at which time a preliminary selection was made. Mr. White's selection, however, was not announced publicly pending completion of an FBI and IRS background investigation report. This report is standard to the appointment process and usually takes about four months to complete.

The procedures followed by the Court in this process are consistent with those approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States and documented in the Administrative Office of the United States Courts' publication entitled The Selection, Appointment, and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges, *Judges Information Series No. 2*.

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