

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REAPPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE
WILLIAM C. TURNOFF
MIAMI, FLORIDA**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge William C. Turnoff, Miami, Florida, is due to expire on February 23, 2010. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of a magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

The basic jurisdiction of a United States magistrate judge is specified in Title 28, United States Code, Section 636. The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and may include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- 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 the judges of the district court;
- 4) Trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; and
- 5) Assisting the district court with "additional duties as are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the United States."

At the request of the Chair of the Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel, written comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the Court. Comments should be submitted in a confidential/sealed envelope addressed to: Steven M. Larimore, Court Administrator, United States District Court, 400 N. Miami Avenue, Room 8N09, Miami, FL 33128.

Members of the Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel: David Rothman, Esq., Chair, Rothman & Associates P.A., Miami, FL; Robert Brochin, Esq., Morgan Lewis & Bockius, Miami, FL; Maria Christina Enriquez, Citizen, Coral Gables, FL; Cynthia Everett, Esq., Miami, FL; Celeste Higgins, AFD, Federal Public Defender's Office, Miami, FL; Ricardo Martinez-Cid, Esq., Podhurst Orseck P.A., Miami, FL; Sonia Escobio O'Donnell, Esq., Jordan Burt LLP, Miami, FL; Vivian Perez-Siam, Citizen, Miami, FL; Silvia Piñeira-Vazquez, Esq., Miami, FL; Abigail Price-Williams, Esq., Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office, Miami, FL; Joseph Raia, Esq., Gunster Yoakley & Stewart P.A., Miami, FL; Alejandro Soto, Citizen, President & CEO, Insource, Inc., Miami, FL; Alicia Valle, AUSA, U.S. Attorney's Office, Miami, FL.

Comments must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2009

THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER