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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

PUBLIC NOTICE - REVISED DEADLINE DATE

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE Miami, Florida

The basic jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate Judge is specified in Title 28, United States Code, Section 636. The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging, including, but not limited to: 1) conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; 2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; 3) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and 4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

To be qualified for the appointment an applicant must:

1. 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 substitutes authorized);
2. 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;
3. Be less than seventy years old; and
4. 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 judges of the district court, 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 appointee. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The current annual salary of the position is \$160,080.00. The term of office is eight years.

Official application forms may be found on our U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, web page, www.flsd.uscourts.gov under Public Notice for Magistrate Judge Selection. Completed applications must be submitted to: Flsd_magistratejudgerecruitment@flsd.uscourts.gov.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the judges of the district court. The Panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

Instructions for completion and submission of the application are included on each application form. **Completed applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2010.**

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