

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

The Judicial Council of the Eighth Circuit and the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System have authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri to fill the vacancy created by the planned retirement of Judge Lewis M. Blanton. The term of the office will be eight years. The official location of the position will be Cape Girardeau, Missouri, although some services will be required at St. Louis and Hannibal, Missouri.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and will include:

- 1) conducting most preliminary and pretrial proceedings in criminal cases, including but not limited to search warrants, criminal complaints, bond matters and pretrial motion hearings;
- 2) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants;
- 3) by reference from the district judges, handling social security and habeas corpus complaints;
- 4) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
- 5) conducting additional pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court.

The basic jurisdiction of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. §636. To be qualified for appointment an applicant must, among other things:

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, 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);

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 70 years old at the time of the initial appointment;

Not be related by blood or marriage to a judge of the appointing district court within the degree specified in 28 U.S.C. §458; and

Be a citizen of the United States.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applications and recommend to the District Judges of the District Court in confidence the five persons the panel considers best qualified. The Court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and IRS tax check of the appointee. The Court is an equal opportunity employer, and an affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The salary of the position is \$160,080, per annum.

Magistrate Judge application forms may be obtained on the U.S. District Court's website at [www.moed.uscourts.gov](http://www.moed.uscourts.gov). Further information on the magistrate judge position may be obtained from Lori Miller Young, Chief Deputy Clerk of the District Court, 111 South 10th St., Room 3.300, St. Louis, Missouri 63102, (314) 244-7910. **Application packets should include the completed application, a cover letter and resume and no more than three letters of recommendation. The cover letter is limited to two pages and should address why you want to be a United States Magistrate Judge. To ensure impartiality please do not have references contact the court or members of the merit selection panel directly.** The original signed application packet and twelve copies **MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2013**, by Ms. Lori Miller Young, Chief Deputy Clerk of the District Court. Application packets may be delivered personally to the Clerk's office in St. Louis or Cape Girardeau, MO in a sealed envelope addressed to Ms. Lori Miller Young, Chief Deputy Clerk or they may be mailed to Clerk, U.S. District Court, Attention: Lori Miller Young, 111 South 10th St., Room 3.300, St. Louis, Missouri 63102.

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 District Judges of the District Court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.