

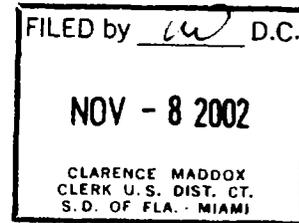
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2002-59

IN RE:

**APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL**

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Magistrates Act, 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5), and 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 appointed as members of the Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel.

The duty of this panel is to consider and recommend to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida reappointment or non-reappointment of Magistrate Judge Linnea R. Johnson (West Palm Beach) whose term expires on August 23, 2003, and Magistrate Judge Ann E. Vitunac (West Palm Beach) whose term expires on November 29, 2003.

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

Chair:                   The Honorable Melanie Given May           (561) 242-2028  
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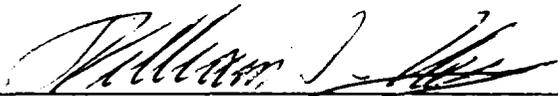
It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel to review the current service of Magistrate Judge Johnson and Magistrate Judge Vitunac and to receive any comments from members of the bar and public, and other evidence of their good character, ability, and commitment to equal justice under the law. The panel shall render its recommendations to the Court *within 90 days* from the date of this order.

This Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel and the term of each member shall expire 90 days from the date of this order.

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Kathleen Archer, Human Resources Manager, is hereby designated as staff assistant to render such assistance as may be required by the panel in performing its functions.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2002.

  
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WILLIAM J. ZLOCH  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: Honorable J. L. Edmondson, Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit  
All Southern District Judges and Magistrate Judges  
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