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IN RE:

**APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE
JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL**

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 persons qualified to fill four full-time United States Magistrate Judge positions--one each at Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach, Florida to be effective April 1, 2003, and one at Miami, Florida, anticipated to be filled during the first quarter of the year 2004, upon retirement of the incumbent Magistrate Judge, Robert L. Dubé.

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

Co-Chair: The Honorable Melanie Given May
 Circuit Judge
 Fourth District Court of Appeal
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Members: Karen Nissen, Esq.
(cont'd) Richard Lubin, Esq.
Georgina Angones
Deborah Martyn
David M. Fee, Jr.

The Merit Selection Panel will receive comments from members of the bar and the public, and will also examine all applications received in order to recommend to the Court the names of at least five applicants for each position whose character, experience, ability, and commitment to equal justice under law fully qualify them to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge. Comments in connection with applicants may be sent to the Panel in care of the Court Administrator at 301 North Miami Avenue, Suite 321, Miami, FL 33128, and should be marked "Confidential." The Panel will meet in person as necessary in Broward County, and will make recommendations to the Court by May 20, 2003.

Clarence Maddox, Court Administrator • Clerk of Court, is hereby appointed as staff assistant to render such service as may be required by the panel in performing its functions.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 31st day of March, 2003.



WILLIAM J. ZLOCH
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: Honorable J.L. Edmondson, Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit
All Southern District Judges and Magistrate Judges
Norman E. Zoller, Circuit Executive, Eleventh Circuit
All Members of the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel
Thomas C. Hnatowski, Chief, Magistrate Judge Division,
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