UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 91-22

In Re:

APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE
JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Magistrates Act, 28 USC § 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, by action of the Judges of this Court, the following residents of this district are appointed as members of the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel: The Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel shall consider and recommend to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida persons qualified to be a United States Magistrate Judge in Miami, Florida.

Panel Members

Chairman Robert L. Dubé, Esq.

Members

Judge Herbert M. Klein Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida

Melanie Given May, Esq.

David C. Goodwin, Esq.

Marilyn J. Holifield, Esq.

Joseph P. Klock, Esq.

Merrill W. Crews, Chief Executive Officer South Miami Hospital

Richard P. Cole, Esq.

Thomas D. Wood, President Thomas D. Wood & Company

The Magistrate Judge 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 individuals whose character, experience, ability, and commitment to equal justice under the law fully qualify them to serve as United States Magistrate Judge. This position becomes available upon the retirement of Magistrate Judge Peter R. Palermo which is effective at close of business August 31, 1991.

The effective date of this appointment shall be the 22nd day of March 1991, and the panel must render its report and recommendation to the court within ninety days following its appointment.

Additionally, Chief United States Magistrate Judge Charlene H. Sorrentino's current appointment will expire at the close of business, September 11, 1991. It shall also be the duty and responsibility of this panel, to review the current service of Chief Magistrate Judge Sorrentino, and to receive any comments from members of the bar and public, and other evidence of Chief Magistrate Judge Sorrentino's good character, ability, and commitment to equal justice under the law. The panel shall report to the Court within ninety days of the date of this order whether Chief Magistrate Judge Sorrentino is recommended for reappointment.

The District Executive, Keenan G. Casady, 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 the United States Courthouse, Federal Courthouse Square, 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, this 22nd day of March, 1991.

FOR THE COURT

James Lawrence King

Chief United States District//

cc: All Southern District Judges and Magistrate Judges
Norman E. Zoller, Circuit Executive

All Members of the Merit Selection Panel

John Thomas Jones, Chief, Magistrate Division, Administrative

Office of the United States Courts

Keenan G. Casady, District Executive

T.G. Cheleotis, Clerk of Court