UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL 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 persons qualified to fill two full-time United States Magistrate Judge positions in West Palm Beach, to be effective upon the retirement of incumbent Magistrate Judge Linnea R. Johnson in January 2012 and Magistrate Judge Ann E. Vitunac in May 2012.

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The Panel will receive comments from members of the bar and 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 400 North Miami Avenue, Room 8N09, Miami, Florida 33128, and should be marked "Confidential." The Panel will meet in person as necessary and will make recommendations to the Court by **August 15, 2011**.

This Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel and the term of each member shall expire 180 days from the date of this order.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County Florida, this <u>J</u> day of April, 2011.

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: The Honorable Joel Dubina, Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit
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