

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2016-76

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL
MAGISTRATE JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL



Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Magistrates Act, 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5); 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 for the upcoming vacancy due to the retirement of Chief Magistrate Judge Frank J. Lynch, Jr. on June 1, 2017.

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 one full-time United States Magistrate Judge position with its duty station in Fort Pierce, Florida.

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

Chair: Ben L. Bryan, Esq.

Members: James L. Eisenberg, Esq.
Linnes Finney, Jr., Esq.
Dr. Quinton L. Hedgepeth (non-attorney)
George Knox, Esq.
Patricia Leonard, Esq.
Richard Neill, Jr., Esq.
Joanne M. O'Connor, Esq.
Stephen C. Page, Esq.
Mr. James Rathbun (non-attorney)
Robert Schwerer, Esq.
Robert Stone, Esq.
Ms. Mary Jo Tierney (non-attorney)

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 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" or sent via email to FLSD_MagistrateJudgeRecruitment@flsd.uscourts.gov. The Panel will meet in person as necessary, interview applicants, and will make recommendations to the Court by March 1, 2017.

All Panel members have been advised in writing of the restriction set forth in § 420.30.20(d) of the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges.

Steven Larimore, 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. This Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel and the term of each member shall expire on May 1, 2017, unless otherwise extended or modified by order of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida this 23rd day of December, 2016.



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K. MICHAEL MOORE
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

- c: The Honorable Ed Carnes, Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit
All Southern District and Magistrate Judges
Members of the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel
Ms. Michele E. Reed, Chief, Judicial Services Office, Administrative Office
of the United States Courts
Mr. Steven M. Larimore, Clerk of Court
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