## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2017-47**

## 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) 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 hereby appointed as members of the Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel for the upcoming vacancy due to the retirement of Magistrate Judge James M. Hopkins on March 18, 2018.

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 West Palm Beach, Florida and subject to approval by the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Council to fill the vacancy.

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

Chair: Sidney Stubbs, Esq.

Members: Kimberly Dunn Abel

Scott Atherton, Esq. Sia Baker-Barnes, Esq. Mark F. Bideau, Esq.

Rick Gonzalez (non-attorney) Tama Beth Kudman, Esq. Edward D. Reagan, Esq. Mark Tunick (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 October 31, 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 December 31, 2017, unless otherwise extended or modified by order of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida this <u>27th</u> day of July, 2017.

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K. MICHAEL MOORE CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The Honorable Ed Carnes, Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit c: 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 Library