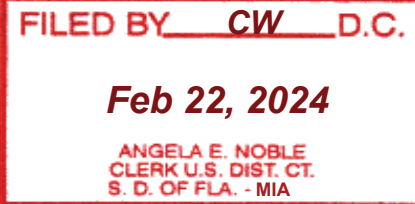


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-20

**IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL
MAGISTRATE JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL
REGARDING TWO EXPECTED MAGISTRATE
JUDGE VACANCIES IN MIAMI, FLORIDA**



Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Magistrates Act, 28 U.S.C. section 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 two expected Miami vacancies.

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 Miami due to the expected vacancies of Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Becerra's seat and Magistrate Judge Melissa Damian's seat, upon their confirmations as United States District Judges and subject to approval by the Judicial Conference to fill the vacancies.

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

Chair: Ryan Ulloa, Esq.

Members: Jodi Avila, Esq.
Sowmya Bharathi, Esq.
Fabiana Cohen, Esq.
Samuel Danon, Esq.
Matthew Dates, Esq.
Hector Dopico, FPD
Wifredo Ferrer, Esq.
Lindsey Lazopoulos Friedman, AUSA
Jasmin Grant (non-attorney)
Francesca Nabors (non-attorney)
Jonathan Osborne, Esq.
Mark Pinkert, Esq.

The Panel will receive and examine applications in order to recommend to the Court the names of six (6) applicants whose character, experience, ability, and commitment to equal justice under law fully qualify them to serve as United States Magistrate Judges. Comments in


connection with applicants may also 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 its recommendation of six (6) applicants to the Court by May 3, 2024.

All Panel members have been advised in writing of the restriction set forth in section 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.

Angela E. Noble, Court Administrator • Clerk of Court, is 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 June 3, 2024, unless otherwise extended or modified by order of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 21st day of February, 2024.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: The Honorable William H. Pryor, Jr., Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit
All Southern District of Florida District Judges, Bankruptcy Judges and Magistrate Judges
Mr. Joseph T. Phillips, Chief, Judicial Services Office, Administrative Office of the
United States Courts
Angela E. Noble, Court Administrator • Clerk of Court
Members of the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel
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