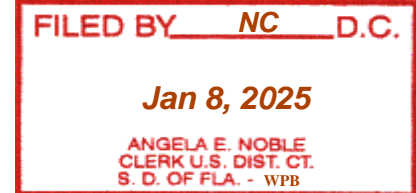


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-3

**IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL
MAGISTRATE JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL
REGARDING THE UPCOMING MAGISTRATE
JUDGE VACANCY 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 the upcoming vacancy due to the retirement of Magistrate Judge Jonathan Goodman on July 25, 2025.

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 (1) full-time United States Magistrate Judge position with a duty station in Miami, Florida.

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.
Melanie Damian, Esq.
Samuel Danon, Esq.
Matthew Dates, Esq.
Hector Dopico, FPD
Wifredo Ferrer, Esq.
Lindsey Lazopoulos Friedman, AUSA
Sofia Gomez (non-attorney)
Francesca Nabors (non-attorney)
Jonathan Osborne, Esq.
Mark Pinkert, Esq.
Evelyn Sheehan, Esq.

The Panel will receive and examine applications in order to recommend to the Court the names of five (5) applicants whose character, experience, ability, and commitment to equal justice under law fully qualify them to serve as United States Magistrate Judge. 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 make its recommendation of five (5) applicants to the Court by April 4, 2025.

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.

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 6, 2025, unless otherwise extended or modified by court order.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 8th day of January 2025.



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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