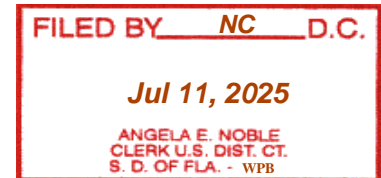


**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-49

**IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL
MAGISTRATE JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL
REGARDING UPCOMING REAPPOINTMENT OF
MAGISTRATE JUDGE BRUCE E. REINHART**



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 reappointment of Magistrate Judge Bruce E. Reinhart, whose current term expires on March 18, 2026.

The duty of this Panel is to consider and make a recommendation to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida as to the reappointment or non-reappointment of Magistrate Judge Bruce E. Reinhart.

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

Chair: Andrew Loewenstein, Esq.

Members: Peter Birch, AFD
 Linnes Finney, Esq.
 Mariano Garcia, Esq.
 George Knox, Esq.
 Joanne O'Connor, Esq.
 Eric Palmer, Esq.
 Michael Porter, AUSA
 Valentin Rodriguez, Esq.
 Adam Schwartz, Esq.
 Shannon Shaw, AUSA
 Derek Simpson (non-attorney)
 Elizabeth Stice (non-attorney)

The Panel will receive and examine comments from members of the bar and public of the Judge's good character, ability, and commitment to equal justice under the law, as well as other evidence of these factors regarding the reappointment or non-reappointment of Magistrate Judge Bruce E. Reinhart for an additional eight (8) year term at the conclusion of his current term. Comments 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 Court-Admin_FLSD@flsd.uscourts.gov. The Panel will meet in person as necessary, and after consideration of comments and feedback obtained, will make its recommendation to the Court by September 19, 2025.

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 October 31, 2025, unless otherwise extended or modified by order of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 11th day of July, 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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