

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2017-46

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 hereby appointed as members of the Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel for the upcoming vacancy due to the retirement of Magistrate Judge William C. Turnoff on February 23, 2018, and the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Jonathan Goodman whose current term expires on July 22, 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 (1) full-time United States Magistrate Judge position with its duty station in Miami, Florida. The Panel will also consider and make a recommendation to the Court as to the reappointment or non-reappointment of Magistrate Judge Jonathan Goodman.

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

- Chair: Thomas E. Scott, Jr., Esq.
- Members: Jerry Blair (non-attorney)
Raoul Cantero, III, Esq.
Laura Maria González-Marqués, Esq.
Markenzy Lapointe, Esq.
Tiffani Lee, Esq.
Abigail Price-Williams, Esq.
Nikki Lewis Simon, Esq.
H. T. Smith, Esq.
Rodolfo Sorondo, Esq.
Ryan Stumphauzer, Esq.
Dr. Jose Szapocznik (non-attorney)

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 will make its recommendation of five (5) applicants to the Court by October 31, 2017.

The Panel will also 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 on these factors regarding the reappointment or non-reappointment of Magistrate Judge Jonathan Goodman for an additional eight (8) year term at the conclusion of his current term. Those comments may also be sent to the Panel at the previously mentioned address or email address. The Panel will meet in person as necessary, and after consideration of comments and feedback obtained, will make a recommendation 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 27th day of July, 2017.

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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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