UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2018-54

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 vacancies due to the retirement of Magistrate Judge Patrick A. White on December 31, 2018, and the retirement of Chief Magistrate Judge Andrea M. Simonton on January 4, 2019.

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 (2) full-time United States Magistrate Judge positions with duty stations in Miami, Florida.

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

Chair: Thomas E. Scott, Jr., Esq.

Members: David Buckner, Esq.

Rachel Furst, Esq.

Markenzy Lapointe, Esq. Corali Lopez-Castro, Esq. Ricardo M. Martinez-Cid, Esq. Abigail Price-Williams, Esq. Denella Ri'chard (non-attorney)

H. T. Smith, Jr., Esq. Ryan Ulloa, Esq.

Dr. Diane Walder (non-attorney)

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 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 six (6) applicants to the Court by October 22, 2018.

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 22, 2018, unless otherwise extended or modified by order of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida this 23rd day of July, 2018.

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
 Michele E. Reed, Chief, Judicial Services Office, Administrative Office of the
 United States Courts
 Steven M. Larimore, Clerk of Court
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