

PUBLIC NOTICE

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PENSACOLA DIVISION**

APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The Judicial Conference of the United States is expected to authorize the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Florida in Pensacola, Florida. The essential function of the United States District Court is to dispense justice and United States Magistrate Judges provide an important component of this function.

The duties of the United States Magistrate Judge are demanding and wide-ranging. Magistrate judges conduct most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; trials and disposition of misdemeanor cases; various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and trials and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment as a United States Magistrate Judge an applicant must:

1. be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutes authorized);
2. be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
3. be less than seventy years old; and,
4. not be related to a judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the United States District Judges for the Northern District of Florida, in confidence, the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will appoint an individual to the United States Magistrate Judge position following an FBI full-field background investigation and an IRS tax check of the selected applicant. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 90 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified at 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101-111) as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. A community's belief that a court dispenses justice is heightened when the court reflects the community's racial, ethnic, and gender diversity. The current annual salary of the position is **\$201,112**. The term of office is eight (8) years.

Applications and additional information about the United States Magistrate Judge position may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of Court at all four divisional offices of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida and on the Court's Internet website at www.flnd.uscourts.gov. Applications must be received in accordance with the instructions provided by **December 15, 2021**. Applications and all other requested documents must be submitted only by the applicant personally, indicating the person's willingness to serve if selected. Applications must be submitted by mail or hand-delivery to:

ATTN: CONFIDENTIAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT 21-MJ-001
Jessica J. Lyublanovits, Clerk of Court
United States Courthouse
One North Palafox Street
Pensacola, Florida 32502

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida. The merit selection panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

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