

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Michigan at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and will include: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a District Judge; and (4) trial 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 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 committed to equal justice under the law; be patient and courteous; be capable of deliberation and decisiveness; and be dedicated to collegial relations with fellow judicial officers, court unit executives, and staff;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the District Judges in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the Court for appointment. 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. The current annual salary of the position is \$185,012. The term of office is eight (8) years.

The application form is available on the Court's internet site at www.miwd.uscourts.gov. The application form may also be obtained from the Intake Counter at all federal courthouse locations in the Western District of Michigan or by calling (616) 456-2381. Applications must be completed by applicants personally (i.e., one may not submit an application on someone else's behalf) and must be received **by 4:30p.m. on February 6, 2015. Applicants must submit an original plus ten copies of the application and supporting documentation in an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL"** to Tracey Cordes, Clerk of Court, U.S. District Court, 399 Federal Bldg., 110 Michigan St., NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

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 District Court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

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