

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: MERIT SELECTION PANEL FOR  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE VICE HONORABLE  
ELLEN S. CARMODY

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
No. 19-AP- 007

The Honorable Ellen S. Carmody has notified the Court that she will retire on November 1, 2019. The Judicial Council of the Sixth Circuit, and the Judicial Conference of the United States (through its designated Committee) have authorized the appointment of a successor. This Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the qualifications of applicants to fill the vacancy for an eight (8) year term.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Court, after consultation with the other District Judges, and with the unanimous consent of the District Judges appoints the following members to the Merit Selection Panel:

Andrea J. Bernard, Esq., Chairperson  
Robert Anthony Alvarez, Esq.  
Andrew Brege, Esq.  
Lori L. Gibson, Esq.  
LaRissa D. Hollingsworth, Esq.  
Mr. Dan Hurwitz  
Mr. Jeff Lambert  
Michael C. Naughton, Esq.  
Takura Nyamfukudza, Esq.  
Rebecca L. Strauss, Esq.  
Jolene Weiner-Vatter, Esq.

Under Section 420.30.20(d) of Volume 3 to the Guide to Judicial Policy, no member of the Merit Selection Panel may submit an application for appointment to any magistrate judge position until one year elapses from the date the Panel submits its report here, unless the Judicial Conference (through its designated Committee) waives this limitation. All Panel members have been advised of this, and are receiving written confirmation of the requirement.

The Panel shall convene at the call of the chairperson and provide recommendations to the Court of the five (5) best qualified candidates no later than Thursday, May 23, 2019.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



Dated: January 25, 2019

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ROBERT J. JONKER  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE