

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: SELECTION PANEL FOR
MAGISTRATE JUDGE VICE HONORABLE
MAARTEN VERMAAT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 26-AP-077

The Court has received notification that the Honorable Maarten Vermaat will retire in August 2027, and 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 approval of the other District Judges of the District, appoints the following members to the Merit Selection Panel:

Hon. Jennifer A. Mazzuchi (ret.), Chairperson
Hon. William W. Carmody (ret.)
Attorney Mark L. Dobias
Attorney Paul L. Mitchell
Attorney Molly P. Ombrello
Joseph M. Lubig, Ed.D.
Maureen McFadden

Under § 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 meet at the call of the chairperson and provide recommendations to the Court of the five (5) best qualified candidates no later than January 29, 2027.

FOR THE COURT:

Dated: September 24, 2026



HALA Y. JARBOU
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE