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In the Matter of the Appointment
of a United States Magistrate Judge
for the Middle District of Florida

CASE NO.

8:17-mc-137-T-23

ORDER

Under 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5) and the policies of the Judicial Conference of the United States, a merit selection panel is established to consider applications for a magistrate judge in Tampa, Florida. The panel is effective December 29, 2017, and comprises:

Joseph Swanson (chair)
Yolanda Fernandez (layperson)
LaKisha Kinsey-Sallis (lawyer)
Christopher F. Murray (lawyer)
Adam Nate (lawyer)
Nicole Deese Newlon (lawyer)
Nancy S. Paikoff (lawyer)
Chris A. Roederer (layperson)
Jennifer Vasquez (lawyer)

The panel must review each application and may interview an applicant as the panel determines. No later than March 29, 2018, the panel must recommend to the district judges the five applicants whom the panel considers best qualified. From among the five applicants, the district court will select and appoint the new magistrate judge. A December 29, 2017 letter notifies each panel member of Section 420.30.20(d), *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, the one-year restriction on a panel member's applying for a magistrate judgeship.

The Clerk of Court must publish notice of the vacancy and must assist the panel as needed.

ORDERED in Tampa, Florida, on December 29th, 2017.



STEVEN D. MERRYDAY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE