

**United States District Court – Middle District of Florida Application
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The Middle District of Florida will appoint a full-time magistrate judge for the Tampa division. The magistrate judge must remain in the Tampa division.

Please answer each question. If a question is not applicable, respond by marking “N/A.”

Each applicant must submit by mail or by hand-delivery an original, completed application and five copies, including a recent and in-depth writing sample. Letters of recommendation are neither required nor encouraged. However, if an applicant chooses to include a limited number of recommendations, the recommendations must be attached to this application. Also, each applicant must e-mail an electronic version of the application to resume_orl@flmd.uscourts.gov.

The Clerk must receive each original application, regardless of the mode of delivery, at the following address by **5:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018.**

**Elizabeth Warren, Clerk of the Court
United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
Attn: Magistrate Judge Applications
401 W. Central Blvd., Suite 2100
Orlando, Florida 32801-0210**

GENERAL

1. Full name:
2. All other names by which you have been known:
3. Office address:

City: State: Zip:

Telephone:

4. Residential address:

City: State: Zip:

Telephone: Cell Phone:

5. Place of birth:

Date of birth:

6. Length of residence in Florida:
7. If you are a naturalized citizen, state the date and place of naturalization.
8. Military Service:

Branch:

Dates:

Rank or Rate at Discharge:

Type of Discharge:

If you are a reserve or National Guard member, state your service, branch, unit, and rank.

9. Are you related by blood or marriage to a judge of the Middle District? Yes No

If yes, identify the judge and state and describe the degree of relation (the applicable statute disqualifies an applicant "within the degree of first cousin").

HEALTH

10. What is the present state of your health?
11. Do you have any mental or physical impairment that would affect your ability to perform the duties of a magistrate judge with or without a reasonable accommodation?

EDUCATION AND HONORS

12. Colleges and universities attended, dates of attendance, and degrees awarded:
13. Continuing legal education courses completed within the last ten years:
14. Were you a member of law review? Yes No

If yes, describe your role:

15. If you have published a legal book or article, list the title, citation, and publication date of each.
16. List any honors, prizes, or awards you have received.

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS

17. List each court (including state bar admissions) and each administrative body with special admission requirements in which you are admitted to practice and state each date of admission:

| Court or Administrative Body | Date of Admission |
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EMPLOYMENT

18. State your employment history, both legal and non-legal, including each law firm, government agency, and private business in which you have been employed to perform legal work and including any sole, independent, or self-employed law practice.

| Organization | Address | Position | Dates |
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19. Describe the general nature of your current practice, including your legal specialty, if any, and your typical client. Also, if your practice has substantially changed, describe your earlier practice.

20. a) Do you appear regularly in court? Yes No

b) During the last five years, what percentage of your appearances were in:

A federal court _____%

A state or local court _____ %

An administrative body _____ %

Other:

_____ %
_____ %
_____ %

21. During the past five years, what percentage of your practice has been trial practice? _____ %

22. How frequently have you appeared in court? _____ times per month

23. How frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings? _____ times per month

24. What percentage of your practice involving litigation has been:

Civil _____ %

Criminal _____ %

Other:

_____ %
_____ %
_____ %

25. During the past five years, how many cases have you tried to conclusion? State whether you were sole, associate, or chief counsel. List the citation of each reported case.

26. Describe your courtroom experience during the past five years.

27. State the name and address of each adversary counsel against whom you have litigated a primary case over the past five years.

PUBLIC OFFICE

28. Have you ever run for, or held, a public office? Yes No

If yes, explain:

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

29. a) Have you ever been a candidate for judicial office (elected or appointed)? Yes No
If yes, list each judicial candidacy and application, including the dates. Also, state whether you were selected as a finalist or nominee for any judicial office.

- b) Have you ever held judicial office (elected or appointed)? Yes No

If yes, list each court in which you held a judicial office and the dates of your service.

State the name and address of five lawyers who appeared before you and are knowledgeable of your work, temperament, and abilities.

- c) Have you performed any quasi-judicial service? Yes No

If yes, list the (1) name of each agency, (2) the position you held, (3) the types of issues for which you held hearings, (4) the number of cases you adjudicated, and (5) the dates of your service.

BUSINESS

30. a) If you are an officer or director or are otherwise engaged in the management of any business, state: (1) the name of the business, (2) the nature of the business, (3) the nature of your duties, and (4) whether you intend to resign from the position immediately after an appointment to judicial office.

- b) Since your admission to the Bar, have you ever engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law? Yes No

If yes, explain and include dates:

- c) During the past five years, have you received any fee or compensation, other than for legal services rendered, from any business, institution, organization, or association?
 Yes No

If yes, identify (1) the source of the compensation, (2) the nature of the business, institution, organization, or association, and (3) the dates the compensation was paid.

31. a) Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted for a violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? Yes No

If yes, explain. (Do not include a traffic violation for which a fine of \$200 or less was imposed, unless the punishment also included a jail sentence.)

- b) Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under a federal, state, or local investigation for a possible violation of a criminal statute? Yes No

If yes, explain.

32. a) Have you ever been sued by a client? Yes No

If yes, explain.

- b) Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? Yes No

If yes, explain and include the amounts.

33. Have you ever been charged, in any civil or criminal proceeding, with conduct involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or unethical conduct? Yes No

If yes, explain.

34. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group?
 Yes No

If yes, explain.

35. Have you filed the tax returns required by federal, state, local, and other government authorities? Yes No

If no, explain.

36. Has any lien or claim been instituted against you by the federal, state, or local authorities? Yes No

If yes, explain.

ACTIVITIES

37. a) List each bar association and legal professional society of which you are a member, including the title and dates of any office you held and any committee to which you belonged.
- b) List each organization and club, other than any bar association or professional society identified in response to Question 37(a), of which you were a member during the past ten years, including the title and dates of any offices you held.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

38. Describe any achievement or any action you have accomplished that demonstrates your commitment to equal justice under the law.
39. State any additional education or other experience that you believe will assist you in holding judicial office.

40. State any other pertinent information reflecting positively or negatively on you that you believe should be disclosed to the selection panel and the district court.
41. a) List as references three individuals (including address and telephone number) who are familiar with your abilities.
- b) List as references three individuals (including address and telephone number) who are familiar with your personal character.
42. Attach a recent sample of your legal writing (not a complaint, answer, or other pleading but a motion or a memorandum of law drafted by you).

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT AND APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

This application will be kept confidential and will be examined only by the members of the merit selection panel, the district judges, and necessary court staff. The panel may contact the individuals whom you have listed as references, but no other individual will be contacted without your consent. Letters or recommendation are neither required nor encouraged.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date