

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

In re: Administrative Orders of the Chief Judge

Case No. 3:21-mc-1-TJC

**ORDER ESTABLISHING MERIT SELECTION PANEL TO CONSIDER  
APPLICATIONS FOR A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

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 United States magistrate judge in the Jacksonville Division.

The panel is effective April 2, 2021, and it comprises:

Michael Abel (chair)  
Maurice Grant (lawyer)  
Joni Poitier (lawyer)  
Laura Renstrom (lawyer)  
Frank Talbot (lawyer)  
Mercedes McGowan (non-lawyer)  
Kenneth Reddick (non-lawyer)

The panel must review each application and may interview applicants as the panel determines. No later than **June 30, 2021**, 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. The Court has notified each panel member in writing of the one-year restriction on a panel member's applying for a magistrate judgeship. *See Guide to Judiciary Policy*, Vol. 3, Ch. 4, § 420.30.20(d).

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

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Jacksonville, Florida on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.



*Timothy J. Corrigan*

TIMOTHY J. CORRIGAN  
Chief United States District Judge

copies:

Elizabeth Warren  
Clerk of Court

Panel members