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 Fort Myers Division. The panel is effective November 8, 2021, and it comprises:

Vicki Sproat, Chair
Jose Luis Calvo
Edward K. Cheffy
George H. Knott
Javier A. Pacheco
Stephen B. Russell
Kristie A. Scott
Therese Everly (non-lawyer)
Robbie Roepstorff (non-lawyer)

The panel must review each application and may interview applicants as the panel determines. No later than **January 14, 2022**, 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).

DONE AND ORDERED in Jacksonville, Florida on November 8, 2021.



Copies to: Elizabeth Warren, Clerk of Court Panel Members