

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

In re: Administrative Orders of the Chief Judge Case No. 3:24-mc-20-MMH

**ORDER ESTABLISHING MERIT SELECTION PANEL  
TO CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
LESLIE HOFFMAN PRICE**

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 the reappointment of United States Magistrate Judge Leslie Hoffman Price in the Orlando Division. The panel is effective March 18, 2026, and is comprised of:

Vincent A. Citro, Chair

Brian Onek

Valerie Chartier-Hogancamp

Kimberly A. Ashby

Fritz Wermuth

Kim Bailes (non-lawyer)

Ron Newsome (non-lawyer)

The panel must review Magistrate Judge Hoffman Price's performance and comments received in response to the public notice of reappointment, and the panel may interview Magistrate Judge Hoffman Price. No later than **June 16, 2026**, the panel must make a recommendation to the Court whether to reappoint Magistrate Judge Hoffman Price for another term. The Court has

notified each panel member in writing of the one-year restriction on a panel member's subsequent application for a magistrate judgeship. *See Guide to Judiciary Policy*, Vol. 3, Ch. 4, § 420.30.20(d).

The Clerk of Court must publish notice of the Middle District of Florida's consideration of the reappointment and shall assist the panel as needed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Jacksonville, Florida on March 18, 2026.

  
**MARCIA MORALES HOWARD**  
Chief United States District Judge

Copies:

Honorable Leslie Hoffman Price  
Elizabeth Warren, Clerk of Court  
Panel members