

**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  
NICHOLAS P. MIZELL**

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 Nicholas P. Mizell in the Fort Myers Division. The panel is effective March 16, 2026, and is comprised of:

Traci T. McKee, Chair  
Geraldo F. Olivo, III  
Mark A. Boyle  
Suzanne Boy  
Danielle Liguori O'Halloran  
Kimberly D. Swanson  
Kristie A. Scott  
Fred Burson (non-lawyer)  
Andrew Blitch (non-lawyer)

The panel must review Magistrate Judge Mizell's performance and comments received in response to the public notice of reappointment, and the panel may interview Magistrate Judge Mizell. No later than **June 15, 2026**, the panel must make a recommendation to the Court whether to reappoint Magistrate Judge Mizell 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 16, 2026.

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

Copies:

Honorable Nicholas P. Mizell  
Elizabeth Warren, Clerk of Court  
Panel members