

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

In the Matter of the Appointment
of a United States Magistrate Judge
for the Middle District of Florida

CASE NO. 8:19-mc-7-T-23

ORDER

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 magistrate judge in Fort Myers, Florida. The panel is effective January 22, 2019, and comprises:

Vicki L. Sproat (chair)
Carl Joseph Coleman (lawyer)
Donald P. Day (lawyer)
Larry D. Hart (layperson)
George H. Knott (lawyer)
J. Jeffrey Rice (lawyer)
Robbie Roepstorff (layperson)
Stephen B. Russell (lawyer)
Nicole Hughes Waid (lawyer)

The panel must review each application and may interview an applicant as the panel determines. No later than April 5, 2019, 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. A January 22, 2019 letter notifies each panel member of Section 420.30.20(d), *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, the one-year restriction on a panel member's applying for a magistrate judgeship.

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

ORDERED in Tampa, Florida, on January 22ND, 2019.



STEVEN D. MERRYDAY
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE