



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The Middle District of Florida will appoint a full-time magistrate judge for the Fort Myers Division. The annual salary is \$227,608. The term of office is eight years. The magistrate judge's residence and duty station will be in the Fort Myers Division.

The Middle District utilizes magistrate judges to the maximum extent permissible under 28 U.S.C. § 636. The minimum qualifications for appointment as a magistrate judge are established in § 631(b) and in Chapter 1 of the Regulations of the Judicial Conference establishing standards and procedures for the appointment of United States magistrate judges. Further resources describing the duties and qualifications of the position can be found on the Court's website at [www.flmd.uscourts.gov](http://www.flmd.uscourts.gov).

A merit selection panel consisting of lawyers and other members of the community will review each application. After an interview of selected applicants, the panel will recommend to the district judges the five applicants whom the panel considers best qualified. The district court will interview the five finalists **on January 23, 2026, in the Orlando courthouse**. The new magistrate judge will be appointed only after a satisfactory FBI full-field investigation and IRS tax check. The appointee must comply with the financial disclosure requirements of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101-111. Due consideration will be given to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age, gender, religion, national origin, or disability.

Each applicant must submit a completed application, available on the Court's website, and a recent and in-depth writing sample to [submissions@flmd.uscourts.gov](mailto:submissions@flmd.uscourts.gov) by **5:00 p.m. on November 7, 2025**. Any letters of recommendation (which are not required and should be limited to no more than three) must be attached to the application. **All application materials must be combined and submitted as one PDF document.**

Unless the applicant consents to additional disclosure, only the members of the selection panel, the district judges, and necessary court staff will view the applications. The selection panel's and the district judges' deliberations will remain confidential.