

## United States District Court, Middle District of Florida Application UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The Middle District of Florida will appoint a full-time magistrate judge for the Fort Myers division. The magistrate judge must remain in the Fort Myers division.

Please answer each question. If a question is not applicable, respond by marking "N/A." 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 **a single** PDF document.

### GENERAL

1. Full name:
2. All other names by which you have been known:

3. Office address:

City: State: Zip:

Telephone:

4. Residential address:

City: State: Zip:

Telephone: Cell Phone:

5. Place of birth:

Date of birth:

6. Length of residence in Florida:

Are you or have you been a resident of the Fort Myers division?

What are your contacts in, and your connections with, the Fort Myers division?

Discuss your interest and the basis for your interest in working and residing in the Fort Myers division.

7. If you are a naturalized citizen, state the date and place of naturalization.

8. Military Service:

Branch:

Dates:

Rank or Rate at Discharge:

Type of Discharge:

If you are a reserve or National Guard member, state your service, branch, unit, and rank.

9. Are you related by blood or marriage to a judge of the Middle District? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, identify the judge and state and describe the degree of relation (the applicable statute disqualifies an applicant "within the degree of first cousin").

## HEALTH

10. What is the present state of your health?

11. Do you have any mental or physical impairment that would affect your ability to perform the duties of a magistrate judge with or without a reasonable accommodation?

## EDUCATION AND HONORS

12. Colleges and universities attended, dates of attendance, and degrees awarded:

13. Continuing legal education courses completed within the last ten years:

14. Were you a member of law review? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe your role:

15. If you have published a legal book or article, list the title, citation, and publication date of each.

16. List any honors, prizes, or awards you have received.

#### PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS

17. List each court (including state bar admissions) and each administrative body with special admission requirements in which you are admitted to practice and state each date of admission:

**Court or Administrative Body**

**Date of Admission**

#### EMPLOYMENT

18. State your employment history, both legal and non-legal, including each law firm, government agency, and private business in which you have been employed to perform legal work and including any sole, independent, or self-employed law practice.

**Organization**

**Address**

**Position**

**Dates**

19. Describe the general nature of your current practice, including your legal specialty, if any, and your typical client. Also, if your practice has substantially changed, describe your earlier practice.

20. a) Do you appear regularly in court? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b) During the last five years, what percentage of your appearances were in:

A federal court \_\_\_\_\_%

A state or local court \_\_\_\_\_%

An administrative body \_\_\_\_\_%

Other:

\_\_\_\_\_ %  
\_\_\_\_\_ %  
\_\_\_\_\_ %

21. During the last five years, what percentage of your practice has been trial practice? \_\_\_\_\_%

22. How frequently have you appeared in court? \_\_\_\_\_ times per month

23. How frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings? \_\_\_\_\_ times per month

24. What percentage of your practice involving litigation has been:

Civil \_\_\_\_\_%

Criminal \_\_\_\_\_%

Other:

\_\_\_\_\_ %  
\_\_\_\_\_ %  
\_\_\_\_\_ %

25. During the last five years, how many cases or appeals have you tried or argued to conclusion? State whether you were sole, associate, or chief counsel. List the citation of each reported case.

26. Describe your trial and appellate court experience during the last five years.

27. State the name and address of your ten principal opposing counsel during the last five years.

**PUBLIC OFFICE**

28. Have you ever run for, or held, a public office? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain:

## JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

29. a) Have you ever been a candidate for judicial office (elected or appointed)? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, list each judicial candidacy and application, including the dates. Also, state whether you were selected as a finalist or nominee for any judicial office.

- b) Have you ever held judicial office (elected or appointed)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list each court in which you held a judicial office and the dates of your service.

State the name and address of five lawyers who appeared before you and are knowledgeable of your work, temperament, and abilities.

- c) Have you performed any quasi-judicial service? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list the (1) name of each agency, (2) the position you held, (3) the types of issues for which you held hearings, (4) the number of cases you adjudicated, and (5) the dates of your service.

## BUSINESS

30. a) If you are an officer or director or are otherwise engaged in the management of any business, state: (1) the name of the business, (2) the nature of the business, (3) the nature of your duties, and (4) whether you intend to resign from the position immediately after an appointment to judicial office.

- b) Since your admission to the Bar, have you ever engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain and include dates:

- c) During the last five years, have you received any fee or compensation, other than for legal services rendered, from any business, institution, organization, or association?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, identify (1) the source of the compensation, (2) the nature of the business, institution, organization, or association, and (3) the dates the compensation was paid.

31. a) Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted for a violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain. (Do not include a traffic violation for which a fine of \$200 or less was imposed, unless the punishment also included a jail sentence.)

- b) Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under a federal, state, or local investigation for a possible violation of a criminal statute? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain.

32. a) Have you ever been sued by a client? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain.

- b) Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain and include the amounts.

33. Have you ever been charged, in any civil or criminal proceeding, with conduct involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or unethical conduct? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain.

34. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain.

35. Have you filed the tax returns required by federal, state, local, and other government authorities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, explain.

36. Has any lien or claim been instituted against you by the federal, state, or local authorities?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain.

#### ACTIVITIES

37. a) List each bar association and legal professional society of which you are a member, including the title and dates of any office you held and any committee to which you belonged.

- b) List each organization and club, other than any bar association or professional society identified in response to Question 37(a), of which you were a member during the last ten years, including the title and dates of any offices you held.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

38. Describe any achievement or any action you have accomplished that demonstrates your commitment to equal justice under the law.

39. State any additional education or other experience that you believe will assist you in holding judicial office.
40. State any other pertinent information reflecting positively or negatively on you that you believe should be disclosed to the selection panel and the district court.
41. a) List as references three individuals (including address and telephone number) who are familiar with your abilities.
- b) List as references three individuals (including address and telephone number) who are familiar with your personal character.
42. Attach a recent sample of your legal writing (not a complaint, answer, or other pleading but a motion or a memorandum of law drafted by you).

#### CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT AND APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

This application will be kept confidential and will be examined only by the members of the merit selection panel, the district judges, and necessary court staff. The panel may contact the individuals whom you have listed as references, but no other individual will be contacted without your consent. Letters or recommendation are neither required nor encouraged.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date