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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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STANDING ORDER No. 21-61

On September 28, 2021, the Judicial Conference of the United States authorized a new full-time Magistrate Judge position for this Court. The new position was designated for accelerated funding in fiscal year 2022, effective April 1, 2022, but any appointment to fill the new position will not be made until Congress enacts an appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and not before April 1, 2022.

To prepare for an appointment to the new Magistrate Judge position and in accordance with Judicial Conference regulations regarding the selection and appointment of Magistrate Judges to a United States District Court, which regulations require that a Merit Selection Panel be appointed to "recommend to the court for consideration individuals whose character, experience, ability and commitment to equal justice under the law fully qualify them to serve as a U.S. Magistrate Judge," Jud. Conf. Reg. § 420.30.10, it is hereby

ORDERED, effective November 1, 2021, that the lawyers and non-lawyers listed below are appointed as members of a Merit Selection Panel to consider candidates to fill a vacancy in the new position of Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

The lawyer members of the Panel are:

- 1. Ana C. Reyes (Chair)
- 2. Laura Crane
- 3. Justin Dillon
- 4. Erica J. Hashimoto
- 5. Howard B. Katzoff
- 6. Jessie K. Liu
- 7. Grace E. Speights
- 8. Vikram Swaruup
- 9. Carlos Vanegas

The non-lawyer members of the Panel are:

- 10. Gennine A. Hagar
- 11. George A. Jones

Each Panel member has received written notice that former Merit Selection Panel members may not be considered for appointment to a U.S. Magistrate Judge position for at least one year after service on the Panel has concluded. *See* Jud. Conf. Reg. § 420.30.20(d).

Dated: October 20, 2021

Beryl A. Howell

Chief Judge