

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**VACANCY NOTICE – UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
July 15, 2016**

Notice is hereby given of a vacancy for a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The duties of the position are demanding and include: (1) in criminal cases, presiding over most preliminary proceedings; the trials and disposition of misdemeanor cases; and various pretrial and evidentiary proceedings, upon referral or delegation from a District Judge; and (2) in civil cases, presiding over trials and other dispositions, upon consent of the litigants; pretrial discovery and mediations. The basic authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must:

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar for the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for at least five years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

A Merit Selection Panel (“Panel”) composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the District Judges in confidence the five applicants whom the Panel considers best qualified. The Court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the Court for appointment. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 90 Stat. 1824 (codified at 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101–111), as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

The essential function of the courts is to dispense justice. An important component of this function is the creation and maintenance of diversity in the court system. A community’s belief that a court dispenses justice is heightened when the court reflects the community’s diversity. Thus, an affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$186,852 per annum. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms and more information on the Magistrate Judge position in this Court may be obtained from Angela Caesar, the Clerk of Court, at 333 Constitution Ave., NW, Room 1130, Washington, DC 20001. The form is also available online at the Court's internet website www.dcd.uscourts.gov.

Applications (**original and eleven copies**) must be submitted only by applicants personally and must be received no later than **Monday, August 15, 2016**.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applicants will be examined only by members of the Merits Selection Panel and the Judges of the District Court. The Panel's deliberations will remain confidential.