



**United States District Court for the  
Southern District of Alabama  
Mobile, Alabama**

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court, Southern District of Alabama, Mobile, Alabama. The essential function of 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.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and include the following:

- (1) Conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- (2) Trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
- (3) Conduct of various pretrial matters in civil cases and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the District Judges of the District Court;
- (4) Trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; and
- (5) Jury selection in most civil and criminal cases.

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 (5) years, a member in good standing of the bar of 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 a period of at least five (5) 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 (70) years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a Judge of the District Court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other member of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the District Judges in confidence the five (5) persons it 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 pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 90 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified at 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101-111) as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States. 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. The term of office is eight (8) years.

Application forms and more information on the Magistrate Judge position in this court may be obtained from the Clerk of the District Court.

Charles R. Diard, Jr., Clerk  
U. S. District Court  
Southern District of Alabama  
113 St. Joseph Street  
Mobile, AL 36602

The form is also available on the court's website at <http://www.alsd.uscourts.gov>. Please submit original and eight (8) copies. Applications should be marked "Confidential" and submitted and directed to the Clerk of Court at the above address. Applications **must be received by close of business June 17, 2016**.