

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

In the Matter of the Appointment
of a United States Magistrate Judge
for the Middle District of Florida

CASE NO. 8:18-mc-50-T-23

ORDER

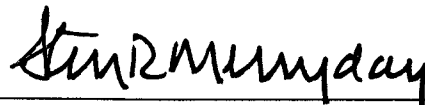
Under 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5) and the policies of the Judicial Conference of the United States, a merit selection panel is established to consider applications for a magistrate judge in Orlando, Florida. The panel is effective July 16, 2018, and comprises:

The Honorable Emerson Thompson (chair)
Stephanie Adler-Paindiris (lawyer)
Dan Eckhart (lawyer)
Sara Howard (layperson)
Mark Horwitz (lawyer)
Michael Leinbach (layperson)
Kathleen Skambis (lawyer)

The panel must review each application and may interview an applicant as the panel determines. No later than October 12, 2018, the panel must recommend to the district judges the five applicants whom the panel considers best qualified. From among the five applicants, the district court will select and appoint the new magistrate judge. A July 16, 2018 letter notifies each panel member of Section 420.30.20(d), *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, the one-year restriction on a panel member's applying for a magistrate judgeship.

The Clerk of Court must publish notice of the vacancy and must assist the panel as needed.

ORDERED in Tampa, Florida, on July 16th, 2018.



STEVEN D. MERRYDAY
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE