

NOTICE TO THE BAR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

RE: TWO FULL-TIME UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
JUDGE POSITIONS AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey has announced that it is seeking candidates for two positions as a full-time United States Magistrate Judge in the Newark vicinage. The Court's selection process is provisional, and any resulting appointment is contingent upon the occurrence of a vacancy produced by the confirmation of one or both incumbent Magistrate Judges to an Article III judgeship, presently pending in the United States Senate.

In accordance with Section 631 (b) (5) of Title 28, United States Code, the Court has established a Merit Selection Panel to assist it in the selection of the two full-time United States Magistrate Judges through review of applicants and the making of recommendations to the Court.

The appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge is for a term of eight (8) years. The present salary is \$160,080 per year. To be eligible for appointment, the individual must be a member of good standing of the bar of the highest court of any state or the District of Columbia for at least five years, be less than 70 years of age, and not be related to a Judge of the District Court. In addition, the individual must 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.

An appointed merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the district judges in confidence the persons

it considers best qualified. Any candidates selected by the district judges will be subject to a full field investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and an Internal Revenue Service audit, after which the Court will make the appointment.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and will include: (1) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from judges of the district court; (2) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; (3) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (4) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases.

The Committee invites all qualified members of the bar who are interested and who would like to be considered for appointment to submit a completed application to be received no later than **May 22, 2012** to the following address:

William T. Walsh, Secretary
Merit Selection Panel
United States District Court
Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Bldg. and U.S. Courthouse
50 Walnut Street, Room 4015
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Application forms are available from the Clerk's Office at the above address or on the Court's web site <http://www.njd.uscourts.gov/forms/mag-appl.pdf>.