

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**NOTICE TO THE BAR
REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Karen M. Williams is due to expire on April 30, 2017. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

The duties of the magistrate judge position 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 and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to:

Merit Selection Panel
c/o William T. Walsh, Clerk
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
50 Walnut Street
Newark, NJ 07102

Comments must be received no later than February 24, 2017.