



PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME MAGISTRATE
JUDGE DUTY STATION: YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

The United States District Judges for the Eastern District of Washington are seeking applicants for a full-time United States Magistrate Judge, with a duty station at Yakima, Washington. The successful applicant must live within 20 miles of the City of Yakima to handle evening and weekend duties as necessary.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging. Excellent legal scholarship and quality legal research and writing are critically important for this position. The statutory authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636 and the duties include:

- (1) presiding over preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- (2) presiding over trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
- (3) presiding over pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court;
- (4) presiding over trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants, including resolving social security appeals;
- (5) presiding over alternative dispute resolution proceedings; and
- (6) managing the Criminal Justice Act Panel attorney process.

Mandatory Qualifications:

- (1) Currently be 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 a member in good standing of the bar and engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (this includes state and federal judicial officers);
- (2) Be competent to perform all duties of the office; of good moral character; emotionally stable and mature; committed to equal justice under the law; in good health; patient and courteous; and capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old;
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court; and
- (5) Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States seeking citizenship and intending to become a citizen immediately upon meeting the eligibility requirements.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and non-attorneys will review all applicants and confidentially recommend to the district judges five persons considered best qualified. The Court will make the appointment following an IRS and FBI full-field investigation of the applicant selected by the Court for appointment. The Court will give due consideration to all qualified applicants, without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. A full range of benefits is offered including, but not limited to, the Judicial Retirement System and health, life, disability and long term care insurance. The current annual salary for the

position is \$185,012. The term of office is eight years with a possibility of renewal for subsequent eight year terms.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 2015.

The application form for the Magistrate Judge position is available on the Court's website at www.waed.uscourts.gov

One original hard copy application must be sent or hand delivered to:

Sean F. McAvoy
District Court Executive
Attn: GM-MJAPP
United States District Court
920 West Riverside, Suite 840
P.O. Box 1493
Spokane, WA 99210-1943

and

One application (submitted as one document in PDF format) must be sent to:
HR@waed.uscourts.gov

Please reference "GM-MJAPP" in the subject line of your email.

Application Packet Requirements:

- A cover letter of interest and narrative statement that addresses qualifications, relevant experience, and judicial philosophy.
- A current resume detailing education, work experience, and contact information for five (5) professional references.
- A completed Application for Position of Magistrate Judge

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All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. Individuals listed as professional references may be contacted by the panel, but no employers, colleagues or others will be contacted without your prior approval. The Panel's deliberations will remain confidential.