



## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Appointment of New Magistrate Judge *Spokane, Washington* Application Period and Process

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States magistrate judge for the Eastern District of Washington in the Court's Spokane Division.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging: (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; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

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 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 members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the district judges in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the selected applicant.

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, and without regard to race, color, age (40 and over, as applicable), gender, religion, national origin, disability, or other applicable protected class.

The current annual salary of the position is \$199,088.00. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms are available at the link below.

Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally and must be received by **March 5, 2021**.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure. Applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

[Magistrate Application 2021 WAED\\*](#)

(\*The application form may not open in all browsers and should be opened in Adobe Reader to view and fill out. You may download Adobe for free [here](#).)

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