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PUBLIC NOTICE

Appointment of New Magistrate Judge *Yakima, 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 with a duty station in the William O. Douglas United States Courthouse, Yakima, Washington. *This position's availability is conditioned upon the appointment of the current Magistrate Judge receiving confirmation and appointment as an Article III Judge.*

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.

Please note: Post-selection background checks may take approximately 12-14 weeks, potentially delaying appointment if not completed before the position is unencumbered.

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 \$201,112.00. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position in this court may be obtained from the court's web site at www.waed.uscourts.gov/employment. Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally and must be received by **October 29, 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.

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