



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC NOTICE APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States magistrate judge for the District of Connecticut at Bridgeport, Connecticut. The current annual salary for this position is \$199,088, and the term of office is eight years. The position will become available effective March 6, 2021.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and will include: (1) conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases, including but not limited to search warrants, criminal complaints, bond matters, and pretrial motion hearings; (2) conducting settlement conferences in civil cases; (3) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (4) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on referral from a district judge; and (5) 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 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 committed to equal justice under the law; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
3. Be less than 70 years old; and
4. Not be related to a judge of the District Court of Connecticut.

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 applicant selected by the court for appointment. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position in this court may be obtained from: Robin D. Tabora, Clerk, 141 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510, (203) 773-2140.

The form is also available on the court's Internet website at <http://www.ctd.uscourts.gov> and in the Clerk's Offices of the district court in New Haven, Hartford, and Bridgeport. Completed applications **must be received by 5:00 p.m. on September 21, 2020**, as follows:

Electronically in an email to Robin D. Tabora, Clerk of Court, to commentstotheclerkofcourt@ctd.uscourts.gov

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. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.