

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT
COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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Thomas M. Gould, Clerk
U. S. District Court
W. D. OF TN, Memphis

Re: Appointment of a Merit Selection) Administrative Order
Panel for the Appointment of a) No. 2018- 17
United States Magistrate Judge)

In accordance with the Federal Magistrates Act, as amended (28 U.S.C. § 631 *et seq.*), this court is required to appoint residents of this district to a merit selection panel for the purpose of assisting in identifying and recommending persons best qualified to fill the position of United States Magistrate Judge.

In order to begin the process of filling the vacancy resulting from the retirement of United States Magistrate Judge Edward G. Bryant, in the eastern division of the Western District of Tennessee, the District Judges appoint the following individuals, who are residents of this judicial district, to serve as a Merit Selection Panel:

Russell Reviere, Esq., Chairperson

Jennifer Balink

Margaret Taylor

Jennifer Free, Esq.

Robert L. Thomas, Esq.

Howard Manis, Esq.

Patrick Willis

Lloyd Tatum, Esq.

Matthew J. Wilson, Esq.

No person may be considered for selection by the court for a magistrate judge position while serving as a member of the merit selection panel. After a reasonable period of recruitment, the panel will evaluate and rank applications and conduct interviews of highly qualified members of the applicant pool.

Within 90 days of the entry date of this order, the panel will recommend in a written report the five (5) members of the bar it has determined to be the best qualified for appointment by the court to the position of magistrate judge.

It is so **ORDERED** this 25th day of June, 2018.

For the Court:

s/ S.Thomas Anderson
S. THOMAS ANDERSON
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE