

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE APPOINTMENT
OF A MAGISTRATE JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

The United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee is recruiting to appoint a full-time United States magistrate judge to a vacancy in Memphis, TN. The duties of this position are to:

- Conduct most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases such as initial presentments, arraignments, detention and bail hearings, and receive reports of the grand juries.
- Try misdemeanor cases.
- Conduct pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings referred by the district judges.
- Try civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

The basic jurisdiction of the United States magistrate judge is specified in **28 U.S.C. 636**.

To qualify for an 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 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 when required to act on own reason and judgment;
- 3) Be less than seventy years old; and,
- 4) Not be related within the degree of first cousin to a judge of the district court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will evaluate all applicants and recommend, in confidence, to the district judges 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 appointee. The Merit Selection Panel will give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. **The current annual salary of the position is \$194,028.00. The term of office is eight years. This position is expected to be filled in May 2020.**

An application for the magistrate judge position may be obtained [here](#) on the Court's website at: <https://www.tnwd.uscourts.gov/> or the offices of the Clerk of Court, Thomas M. Gould, listed below:

Clerk's Office
167 North Main
242 Federal Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Clerk's Office
United States Courthouse, RM 262
111 South Highland
Jackson, Tennessee 38301

Completed applications must be submitted to: **tnwdjobs@tnwd.uscourts.gov** during the period of October 21, 2019 through close of business **November 22, 2019**. Please reference **Magistrate Judge, Public Notice 20-01** in the subject line. 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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