PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana is accepting applications for a full-time Magistrate Judge. This position is located in the Alexandria 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 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.

(2) Have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years as of the date of application. The court may consider as substitute experience for the active practice of law the following, including any combination thereof:
- Judge of a state court of record or other state judicial officer.
- U.S. magistrate judge, bankruptcy judge, or other federal judicial officer.
- Attorney for federal or state agencies.
- No more than two years as a law clerk to any judge or judicial officer or as a staff attorney or pro se law clerk in a court.
- Other types of substantial legal experience (subsequent to receipt of a law degree or license to practice law), not included above, which is suitable as a substitute in the opinion of the majority of the court.

(3) Be competent to perform the duties of the office, of good moral character, emotionally stable and mature, committed to equal justice under the law, in good health, patient, courteous, and capable of deliberation and decisiveness when required to act on his or her own reason and judgment.

(4) Be less than seventy years old; and

(5) Not be related to a Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

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. The current annual salary of the position is $185,012. The term of office is eight (8) years.

The application form is available on the Court's internet site at www.lawd.uscourts.gov. The application form may also be obtained from an intake counter at all federal courthouse locations in the Western District of Louisiana or by calling the Human Resources Specialist at (337) 593-5002. Applications must be completed by applicants personally (i.e., one may not submit an application on someone else's behalf) and must be received **no later than May 29, 2015. Applicants must submit an original plus eight copies of the application in an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL"** to U.S. District Court, Attention: Personnel, 800 Lafayette St., Suite 2100, Lafayette, La 70501.

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.