



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT OF  
HONORABLE JOSEPH H. PEREZ-MONTES  
AS UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

The current term of the office of United States Magistrate Judge Joseph H. Perez-Montes is due to expire on **December 15, 2023**. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new term.

The duties of the magistrate judge position include the following: (1) conduct most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court. The comments should be directed to:

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**Comments must be received no later than June 2, 2023**