

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPOINTMENT OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AT ABILENE

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas is seeking applications for the position of full-time magistrate judge at Abilene. This position serves the Abilene and San Angelo divisions of the Court. The term is expected to begin during the last quarter of calendar year 2019.

The duties of the magistrate judge position are demanding and wide-ranging. They include: (1) conducting most preliminary proceedings in federal criminal cases; (2) presiding over federal misdemeanor cases; (3) conducting various civil pretrial matters, evidentiary proceedings, and other proceedings, on reference from a district judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must:

- (1) be or have been for at least five (5) 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, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, or Virgin Islands of the United States and have engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five (5) 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;
- (3) be less than 70 years old; and
- (4) not be related to a judge of the district court.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applications and recommend to the judges of the district court, in confidence, the five (5) applicants the panel considers best qualified. The court will select a final candidate and make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected for appointment. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 90 Stat. 1824 (1978)(codified at 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101-111) as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age, gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The appointment is for an eight-year term.

The current annual salary of the position is \$191,360, and the current retirement plan for magistrate judges provides, after serving at least 14 years and reaching the age of 65, for an annuity equal to the salary being received at the time the magistrate judge leaves office.

To apply, complete the application form, which is available on the court's website at <http://www.txnd.uscourts.gov/current-job-openings/11939>. When completed, save the application and each required attachment as .pdf documents using the following naming protocol:

Application Form: lastname.firstname.pdf.

Attachments: lastname.firstnameattachment1.pdf, lastname.firstnameattachment2.pdf, lastname.firstnameattachment3.pdf, etc.

Email the application form and attachments to Karen Mitchell, Clerk of Court, at: TXND@txnd.uscourts.gov

Only submit the materials requested in the application form. Do not submit a resume, furnish more than the names of six references, or submit reference letters or letters of commendation. **Applications must be received in the District Clerk's Office in Dallas by 5 p.m. on April 8, 2019. Applications received after this date and time and will not be considered.**

Applications will be kept confidential, unless an 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.

Notice Date: March 7, 2019