

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **APPOINTMENT OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AT DALLAS**

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas is seeking applicants to fill the position of full-time magistrate judge at Dallas. The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging. They include: 1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; 2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; 3) conduct of pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation of a district judge; and 4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic jurisdiction of the United States magistrate judge is specified in Title 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;
- (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 make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected for appointment. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The appointment is for an eight-year term at an annual salary of \$160,080.

To apply, complete the required application form. The form may be obtained from the district clerk's office or downloaded from the court's Internet website at [www.txnd.uscourts.gov](http://www.txnd.uscourts.gov). Submit the original application form, along with 12 copies, to:

Karen Mitchell  
Clerk of Court  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Texas  
1100 Commerce St., Room 1452  
Dallas, Texas 75242

Staple the original application and copies in the upper left-hand corner. Only submit the materials requested in the application form (e.g., do not submit a resume, furnish more than the names of six references, or submit reference letters or letters of commendation). Only applications that comply with all instructions will be considered. Applications must be received by June 12, 2012.

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. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

Notice Date: April 13, 2012