



United States District Court

District of Minnesota

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300 South Fourth Street
Suite 202
Minneapolis, MN 55415

January 8, 2021

NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time U.S. Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota. The essential function of courts is to dispense justice. An important component of this function is the creation and maintenance of diversity in the court system. A community's belief that a court dispenses justice is heightened when the court reflects the community's racial, ethnic, and gender diversity.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging, which include presiding over initial proceedings in criminal cases; trials of misdemeanor cases, including petty offenses; pretrial matters and other proceedings in civil and criminal cases; conducting civil settlement conferences; and disposition of civil cases with the consent of the parties. The basic authority of a U.S. Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Rule 72.1.

To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must:

- 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 United States Virgin Islands.
- Have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutes authorized).
- 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.
- Be less than 70 years old.
- Not related by blood or marriage to a judge of the district court.



A Merit Selection Panel comprised of attorneys and 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 IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the Court for appointment. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements under 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 candidates, without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current salary of the position is \$201,112 per year and the position will be located in Minneapolis or St. Paul. The term of office is eight years; incumbents may be reappointed to successive terms.

All applications will be kept confidential unless the applicant consents to disclosure. All applications will be examined only by members and staff of the Merit Selection Panel and the Court's District Judges. The Panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

To apply, follow the application instructions provided on the Court's website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov. All application materials must be submitted by the applicant personally and **must be received as specified in the application instructions no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Time on Friday, February 19, 2021.**

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