UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Western District of Kentucky
Announcement Number FY14-02

Public Notice for Appointment of a New Magistrate Judge

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Kentucky in the Louisville division. Magistrate Judge James D. Moyer, the current incumbent, will be retiring effective December 31, 2014.

LOCATION:	Louisville, Kentucky
SALARY:	$183,172
OPEN DATE:	March 28, 2014
CLOSE DATE:	April 30, 2014

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging, such as:

1) conducting preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
3) conducting 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, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five 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 seventy years old; and

4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other residents of the district 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 term of office is eight (8) years.

Applicants must use the official application form which is available on the court's internet website at www.kywd.uscourts.gov. Application forms may also be obtained from the Clerk of Court at 601 E. Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky 40202.

An email with a .pdf copy of the completed application attached must be sent to kywd_magistratejudge_recruitment@kywd.uscourts.gov. Alternatively, applicants may send their completed application to the Clerk of Court, c/o James J. Vilt- Chief Deputy, at the above address. **All applications must be received no later than April 30, 2014.**

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.