

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
APPOINTMENT OF 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 at Louisville, Kentucky. Magistrate Judge Dave Whalin, the current incumbent, will be retiring effective July 27, 2018.

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 Magistrate Judge are enumerated in 28 U.S.C. § 636. The duties include presiding over initial proceedings in criminal cases, trial of misdemeanor cases, including petty offenses; pretrial matters and other proceedings in civil and criminal cases; conducting civil settlement conferences, including mediation; and disposition of civil cases with consent of the parties.

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 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 an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court 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 (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$188,692. The term of office is eight (8) years.

Application forms and more information on the position may be obtained from Vanessa L. Armstrong, Clerk of Court, 601 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202. The application form is also available on the court's website at www.kywd.uscourts.gov.

Applications must be submitted only by the applicants personally to either MJvacancy@kywd.uscourts.gov or to Vanessa L. Armstrong, Clerk of Court, at 601 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202. All applications **must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST, December 1, 2017.**

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.