

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**



**Public Notice for Reappointment of Incumbent
U.S. Magistrate Judge Regina S. Edwards**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Regina S. Edwards of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, Louisville Division, is due to expire on July 27, 2026. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Edwards to a new eight-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge include, in criminal cases, the conduct of most preliminary proceedings, as well as trials and dispositions of misdemeanor offenses. In civil cases, the duties encompass managing various pretrial matters, presiding over evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the district judges, and conducting trials upon the consent of the litigants.

In aid of its review and evaluation of the incumbent's performance in office, the panel will consider comments from members of the bar and the public and any other evidence of her character, ability, fairness and commitment to equal justice. It will report its recommendations to the Court.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the Court and should be directed to:

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Comments must be received by **January 26, 2026**.