

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

**In Re: APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE
JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL**

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 25-16**

United States Magistrate Judge Regina S. Edwards is being considered for reappointment. Pursuant to the Federal Magistrates Act, 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5), and the regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States¹ which establishes standards and procedures for the reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges, it is hereby ORDERED that the following persons are appointed members of the Merit Selection Panel to advise the Court regarding the possible reappointment of Magistrate Judge Regina S. Edwards to a new eight year term upon the conclusion of her present term.

Attorney Members

Dustin E. Meek – Chair
Jennifer Hinkebein Culotta
Joshua W. Davis
Michelle L. Duncan
Justin S. Fowles
Elisabeth Gray
Jessica R. C. Malloy

Lay Members

Brian G. Karst
Dr. Leslie Maxie

The Panel shall, in accordance with the above regulations, report to the court by **February 24, 2026** its recommendations regarding the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Regina S. Edwards. Pursuant to the *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, each panel member has received written notice of the restriction in Vol. 3, Ch. 4, § 420.30.20(d).

IT IS SO ORDERED this 26th day of November, 2025.



**David J. Hale, Chief Judge
United States District Court**

cc: Merit Selection Panel
Judicial Services Office, Administrative Office of the Courts

¹ See the *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, Volume 3, Chapter 4.

ENTERED

JAMES J. VILT JR., CLERK

11/26/2025

Natalie Thompson

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