UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2017-09

RE APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL

The Court has been informed that Magistrate Judge Dave Whalin is retiring effective July 27, 2017. Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Magistrates Act, 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5), and the regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States establishing standards and procedures for the appointment of the United States Magistrate Judges, the Court unanimously appoints the following residents of this district to serve on the Merit Selection Panel for the purpose of aiding the Court in the selection of the new Magistrate Judge:

Lawyers

Douglas C. Ballantine- Chair Amanda G. Main Susan D. Phillips Rebecca F. Schupbach Liz J. Shepherd Bobby C. Simpson R. Kent Westberry

> Non-Lawyers Yvette Gentry Robert Moore

Douglas C. Ballantine shall serve as chair of the Merit Selection Panel. The Panel shall evaluate the applicants and submit to the court, within 90 days of its appointment, unless otherwise ordered, a report and recommendation designating those five (5) applicants that it finds most qualified to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 27 day of November, 2017.

OSEPH H. McKINLEY, JR., CHIEN JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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