

**PUBLIC NOTICE
APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPLACEMENT MAGISTRATE JUDGES
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION
CLEVELAND, OHIO**

The Court is seeking applicants to fill the vacancies created upon the retirement of two United States Magistrate Judges for the Northern District of Ohio at Cleveland: Nancy A. Vecchiarelli, effective July 22, 2016, and Kenneth S. McHargh, effective September 30, 2016. The Judicial Conference of the United States has recently authorized the appointment of a replacement magistrate judge to fill the vacancy created upon the retirement of Magistrate Judge Vecchiarelli, and the Court is proceeding to advertise for the vacancy created upon the recently announced retirement of Magistrate Judge McHargh, while approval is being sought from the Judicial Conference of the United States to fill his vacancy.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and include: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic jurisdiction of the United States magistrate 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 5 years (with some substitutions 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 whom it considers best qualified for each position. 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 candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The current salary of the position is \$186,852 per annum. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk (801 W. Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113-1830; (216) 357-7068). This Public Notice and Application Form for United States Magistrate Judge can also be accessed over the Court's Internet address at <http://www.ohnd.uscourts.gov/home/careers-in-the-court/>. One original and 27 copies of the application must be submitted only by applicants personally to the Clerk of Court no later than **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2016**.

Clerk of Court
Attn: Human Resources Department
Carl B. Stokes U.S. Court House
801 W. Superior Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44113-1830

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.