

PUBLIC NOTICE
APPOINTMENT OF U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE
Western District of Missouri

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized a full-time eight-year appointment as United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Missouri. The position will be located in Kansas City to fill the vacancy created by the planned retirement of Judge Sarah W. Hays on September 1, 2018.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging such as: (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 a District Judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States Magistrate Judge 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 five years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; possess, and have a reputation for, integrity and good character; have demonstrated, a commitment to equal justice under the law and outstanding legal ability and competence; 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; and indicate by demeanor, character, and personality that the applicant would exhibit judicial temperament if appointed;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related by blood or marriage to a judge of the United States District Court within the degrees specified in 28 U.S.C. § 458, at the time of the initial appointment.

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, with such appointment effective after September 1, 2018. The current annual salary of the position is \$188,692. Applicants shall be considered without regard to race, color, age, gender, religion, national origin or disability. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 92 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified as amended at 5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111).

The application form may be obtained online at the Western District of Missouri's website: <http://www.mow.uscourts.gov/>. More information on the magistrate judge position may be obtained from the Clerk of the District Court. Application packets should include the completed application, a cover letter and resume and no more than three letters of recommendation. Application packets must be submitted to the mailing or email address below and only by the applicant personally, indicating their willingness to serve if selected.

The required documents must be received by Friday, February 16, 2018.

Paige Wymore-Wynn, Court Executive
United States District Court
Charles E. Whittaker Courthouse
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To ensure impartiality, please do not have your references contact the Court or members of the merit selection panel directly. 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. The U.S. Courts are equal opportunity employers.