

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF A U.S.  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE IN ASHEVILLE, NC**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States magistrate judge for the United States District Court Western District of North Carolina at Asheville, North Carolina. The essential function of courts is to dispense justice.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging including but not limited to:

(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; (4) conducting Rule 11 hearings; 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; 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 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 for appointment. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 90 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified at 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101-111) as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is approximately \$188,500 per year. The term of office is eight years.

The duty station of this full-time U.S. magistrate judge position is Asheville, North Carolina. Chambers are located in the federal courthouse.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position in this court may be obtained from the clerk of the district court from the court's public website at [www.ncwd.uscourts.gov](http://www.ncwd.uscourts.gov) or call at 704-350-7416. ***The application may be filled out on-line and printed out to be mailed in with the writing sample.***

**The completed application and a 25 page writing sample must be received by the Clerk of Court by February 15, 2018. Mark “Confidential Applicant” and mail or FedEx to:**  
**Clerk of Court**  
**U.S. District Court**  
**401 west Trade Street, Room 210**  
**Charlotte, NC 28202**

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 Western District of North Carolina is an Equal Opportunity Employer.