

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
Fort Myers Division
Public Notice for the Appointment of a Magistrate Judge

The Middle District of Florida will appoint a full-time magistrate judge for the Fort Myers division. The annual salary is \$191,360. The term of office is eight years and begins no earlier than June 3, 2019. The magistrate judge must remain in the Fort Myers division.

The Middle District uses a magistrate judge to the maximum extent permissible under 28 U.S.C. § 636. The minimum qualifications for appointment as a magistrate judge are established in 28 U.S.C. § 631(b) and in Chapter 1 of the Regulations of the Judicial Conference establishing standards and procedures for the appointment and re-appointment of United States magistrate judges.

Comprising lawyers and other members of the community, a merit selection panel will review each application. After an interview of selected applicants, the panel will recommend to the district judges the five applicants whom the panel considers best qualified. The district court will interview the five finalists but will appoint the new magistrate judge only after a satisfactory FBI full-field investigation and a satisfactory IRS tax check. The appointee must comply with the financial disclosure requirements of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101-111.

The required application is available at each division's office of the Clerk of the Court or at www.flmd.uscourts.gov. Each applicant must submit by mail or by hand-delivery an original, completed application, including a recent and in-depth writing sample. Also, each applicant must e-mail an electronic version of the application to resume_orl@flmd.uscourts.gov. Any letters of recommendation (which are neither required nor encouraged) must be submitted with the original application. The Clerk must receive each original application, regardless of the mode of delivery, at the following address by **5:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019**:

Elizabeth Warren, Clerk of the Court
United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
Attn: Magistrate Judge Applications
401 W. Central Blvd., Suite 2100
Orlando, Florida 32801-0210

Unless the applicant consents to additional disclosure, only the members of the selection panel, the district judges, and necessary court staff will view the applications. The selection panel's and the district judges' deliberation will remain confidential.