



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Due to the impending retirement of the current full-time Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire, applications are now being accepted for this position. The expected appointment date for this position is June 1, 2010.

The duties of the position are:

- (1) conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- (2) trying and disposing of misdemeanor cases;
- (3) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district;
and
- (4) trying and disposing of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

The basic jurisdiction of the 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 at the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 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 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 United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all qualified applications and recommend in confidence to the District Judges 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 appointee. The current salary of the position is \$160,080.00. The term of office is 8 years.

An application can be obtained at the Clerk's Office located at 55 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH or on-line by accessing the "Mag Judge Announcement" icon on the Court's home page at www.nhd.uscourts.gov. Please note that the applicant must personally apply, no nominations will be accepted. On or before **November 13, 2009**, an original and ten copies of the completed application should be submitted in an envelope marked MERIT SELECTION PANEL-CONFIDENTIAL to:

James R. Starr, Clerk
United States District Court
55 Pleasant Street, Room 110
Concord, NH 03301

Absent consent by the applicant, all applications will be kept confidential and applicants will be interviewed only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the Judges of the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

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