



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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

At its September 28, 2021 session, the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts authorized an additional full-time Magistrate Judge position for the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire. Applications are now being accepted for the newly created full-time Magistrate Judge position until October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 5:00pm. The expected appointment date for this position is April, 2023.

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 referral from the District Judges; 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 will recommend 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 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 at 5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111) as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States. The current salary of the position is \$205,528.00. The term of office is 8 years.

An application can be obtained online at: [USDC-NH Magistrate Judge](#). Please note that the applicant must personally apply; no nominations will be accepted. On or before October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, an application, curriculum vitae, and a writing sample should be submitted online at: [USDC-NH Magistrate Judge](#).

All applications will be kept confidential unless the applicant consents to disclosure. Selected 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. Candidate applications and interview deliberations will remain confidential.

The United States District Court is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.