



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

District of Minnesota

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Notice of Vacancy for U.S. Magistrate Judge

Date: February 9, 2018
Contact: Tricia Pepin
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The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time U.S. Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota. This vacancy will be created by U.S. Magistrate Judge Franklin L. Noel's retirement in August 2018.

The duties include presiding over initial proceedings in criminal cases; trials of misdemeanor cases, including petty offenses; pretrial matters and other proceedings in civil and criminal cases; conducting civil settlement conferences; and disposition of civil cases with the consent of the parties. The basic authority of a U.S. Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Rule 72.1.

To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must:

- 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;
- Be engaged in the active practice of law for at least five years (with some substitutes authorized);
- 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;
- Be less than 70 years old; and
- Not related by blood or marriage to a judge of the U.S. District Court.

A Merit Selection Panel comprised of attorneys and members of the community will review all applications, conduct interviews, and recommend to the District Judges in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The Court will interview the finalists and make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the Court. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements under 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 candidates, without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current salary of the position is \$191,360 per year and the position will be located in Minneapolis or St. Paul. The term of office is eight years; incumbents may be reappointed to successive terms.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure. All applications will be examined only by members and staff of the Merit Selection Panel and the Court's District Judges. The Panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

To apply, follow the application instructions provided on the Court's website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov. **All application materials must be received at the address below, no later than 5:00 p.m. Central Time on Friday, March 9, 2018.**

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