



United States District Court
District of Minnesota
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF MERIT SELECTION PANEL

The United States District Court is pleased to announce that attorneys Jerry Blackwell and Jeannine Lee have been appointed by Chief Judge John R. Tunheim to co-chair a Merit Selection Panel. The Panel will advise the Court on the selection of a new United States Magistrate Judge to serve in Minneapolis or St. Paul.

Blackwell and Lee will co-chair an eighteen-member Panel appointed by the United States District Judges of the District of Minnesota to review applications and interview prospective candidates. The Panel will recommend the five candidates they deem best qualified for the position to the District Judges for consideration. The Panel members are:

Jerry Blackwell, Esq. (Co-Chair)
Jeannine Lee, Esq. (Co-Chair)

Anders Folk, Esq.
Susan Gaertner, Esq.
Joanne Gordon
Rachel Hughey, Esq.
Bill McNab, Esq.
Cicely Miltich, Esq.
Melissa Muro LaMere, Esq.
Tara Norgard, Esq.

Katherian Roe, Esq.
Magistrate Judge Brian Short (ret.)
Leah Sixkiller, Esq.
James Smith, Esq.
David Stowman, Esq.
Sharon Van Leer
Davida Williams, Esq.
Kristin Zinsmaster, Esq.

The Court announced the full-time U.S. Magistrate Judge vacancy on January 8, 2021. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Central Time on February 19, 2021. For additional information, visit the Court's website at <https://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/employment>.