



## **PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Vermont upon the retirement of the incumbent in February of 2021. The duty station for the magistrate judge position is located in Burlington.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide ranging and will include: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; and (5) examination and recommendations to the judges of the district court in regard to prisoner petitions.

The basic authority of a 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 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;
2. Have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five (5) years (with some substitutes authorized);
3. Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to the rule of law and to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
4. Be less than 70 years old; and
5. Not be related to a judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the court in confidence the five persons it considers to be most qualified. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to 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 applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$199,088.00. The term of office is eight (8) years.

Magistrate Judge Application forms may be obtained on the U.S. District Court's website at:

<https://www.vtd.uscourts.gov/position-announcements>

Application packets should include a cover letter, resume and the completed application form. Application packets can be submitted electronically in an email to the clerk of court at: [MagJudgeApplication@vtd.uscourts.gov](mailto:MagJudgeApplication@vtd.uscourts.gov) or the original can be delivered in an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL," to:

Jeffrey S. Eaton, Clerk of Court  
U.S. District Court  
P.O. Box 945  
Burlington, VT 05402-0945

**Applications must be received no later than July 1, 2020.**

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

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