

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MAINE

Public Notice for Appointment of a New Magistrate Judge

June 14, 2013

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States magistrate judge for the District of Maine at Bangor.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging: (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 a district judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. 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, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five 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 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 district court.

The Court has convened a merit selection panel, composed of attorneys and other members of the community that will review all applicants and recommend to the District Judges in confidence 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 applicant selected by the Court for appointment. 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 \$160,080. The term of office is eight (8) years.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position may be obtained from the Court's website at <http://www.med.uscourts.gov/employment> or by contacting Clerk of Court Christa K. Berry.

Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally and must be received **by July 22, 2013**. Applicants are requested to submit **13** copies of their application. Applications should be marked CONFIDENTIAL and addressed to:

Merit Selection Panel
c/o Christa K. Berry, Clerk
U.S. District Court
District of Maine
Edward Thaxter Gignoux U.S. Courthouse
156 Federal Street
Portland, ME 04101

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 the Judges of the District Court. The Panel's deliberations will remain confidential.