

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPOINTMENT OF U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of California at Fresno, California.

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 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) hearing of habeas corpus prisoner petitions and Social Security cases.

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 (5) 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, 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 (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 (70) years of age; and
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the district court in confidence the five (5) persons whom it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the appointee. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The current annual salary of the position is \$160,080.00. The term of office is eight (8) years.

Application forms and further information on the Magistrate Judge position may be obtained from the Clerk of the U.S. District Court in Sacramento or Fresno. The form is also available on the court's Internet website at www.caed.uscourts.gov. Submit original plus ten copies of the application and supporting documentation in an envelope marked "confidential." Applications must be submitted only by potential nominees personally and must be received by Barbara Wilson, Judicial Assistant to the Hon. Anthony W. Ishii, Chief Judge, United States District Court, 2500 Tulare Street, #1501, in Fresno, California, **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2012.**

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.

DATED: February 24, 2012.