

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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MERIT SELECTION PANEL FOR )  
THE APPOINTMENT OF A ) GENERAL ORDER NO. 21-04  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE )  
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS )

AMENDED ORDER

Under 28 U.S.C. § 631 and the policies of the Judicial Conference of the United States, a merit selection panel is established to consider applications for the appointment of a Magistrate Judge in Springfield, Illinois. The panel is effective August 26, 2021, and is comprised of:

Bud Potter (chair)  
Rosana Brown (lawyer)  
Jay Elmore (lawyer)  
Gordon Gates (lawyer)  
Joe Hardy (layperson)  
Greg Harris (lawyer)  
Bill Legge (layperson)

The panel must review each application and may interview an applicant as the panel determines. No later than December 10, 2021, the panel must recommend to the district judges the five applicants whom the panel considers best qualified. In a letter dated August 26, 2021, panel members were advised of the Judicial Conference's restriction on their ability to apply for a future magistrate judge position for one year from the date the panel submits its report to the Court or the date when the member resigns from the panel. Guide to Judiciary Policy § 420.30.20(d).

The Clerk of Court must publish the notice of appointment and must assist the panel as needed.

Entered for the Court: November 23, 2021

s/ Sara Darrow  
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SARA DARROW  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE