

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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Thomas M. Gould, Clerk
U. S. District Court
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Re: Appointment of a Merit Selection)
Panel for the Appointment of) Administrative Order
United States Magistrate Judge) No. 2008- 11

In accordance with the Federal Magistrates Act, as amended (28 U.S.C. § 631 *et seq.*), this court is required to appoint residents of this district to a merit selection panel for the purpose of assisting in identifying and recommending persons best qualified to fill the position of United States Magistrate Judge.

The Honorable S. Thomas Anderson, formerly United States Magistrate Judge, has been installed as a United States District Judge, thereby vacating his office as United States Magistrate Judge. In order to begin the process of filling that vacancy, and in accordance with the related requirement for a merit selection panel, the District Judges of the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee appoint the following residents to serve as a Merit Selection Panel:

Catherine B. Clayton, Chair

Martha P. Beard, Memphis, TN

Thomas L. Parker, Memphis, TN

Hon. George Brown, Memphis, TN

James R. Smoot, Memphis, TN

Randy N. Chism, Union City, TN

Shea Sisk Wellford, Memphis, TN

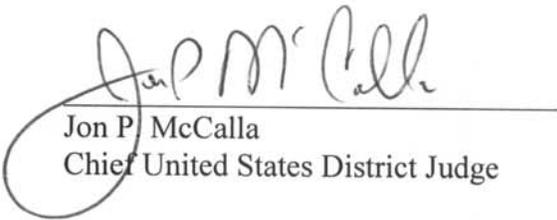
Jerry D. Kizer, Jackson, TN

Melvin Wright, D.D.S., Jackson, TN

It is the responsibility of this Merit Selection Panel, in conformance with guidelines promulgated by the Magistrate Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States to solicit through an appropriate means of public notice and advertisement the applications of qualified individuals interested in filling the vacancy created by Magistrate Judge Anderson's appointment to the district court. After a reasonable period of recruitment, the Panel will evaluate and rank the applications, and will interview qualified candidates. Within 90 days of the effective date of this order, the Panel will recommend in a report to the Court the five individuals it has determined to be the most qualified to fill this vacancy.

DONE and ORDERED.

For the Court:



Jon P. McCalla
Chief United States District Judge

May 21, 2008
Date