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Thomas M. Gould, Clerk  
U. S. District Court  
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT  
COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

Re: APPOINTMENT OF A MERIT SELECTION  
PANEL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Administrative Order  
No. 2019- 35

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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 created upon the retirement of Chief United States Magistrate Judge Diane K. Vescovo.

In order to begin the process of filling the vacancy in the Western division of the Western District of Tennessee, the District Judges appoint the following residents to serve as a Merit Selection Panel:

Joseph C. Murphy, Esq., Chairperson

Lee H. Gerald, Esq,

Andre B. Mathis, Esq.

Mary Hale Morris, Esq.

Unam Peter Oh, Esq.

Jerry Schwartz

Dr. Altha J. Stewart

Edwin C. Wallis, III, Esq.

Janika N. White, Esq.

The Merit Selection Panel will evaluate and rank applications and conduct interviews of highly qualified members of the applicant pool after a reasonable period of recruitment.

Within 90 days of the entry date of this order, the Panel shall submit to the

Chief United States District Judge S. Thomas Anderson a written report of the five (5) members of the bar it has determined to be the best qualified for appointment to the position of magistrate judge.

Each panel member has received written notification of the restriction in the Guide to Judiciary Policy, Vol. 3, Ch. 4 § 420.30.20(d), regarding panel member applications for magistrate judge positions.

It is so **ORDERED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2019.

For the Court:

s/ S. Thomas Anderson  
S. THOMAS ANDERSON  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE