



**United States District Court  
Western District of Tennessee**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF  
INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Tu M. Pham, whose primary duty station is Memphis, Tennessee, is due to expire on April 20, 2019. The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Diane K. Vescovo, whose primary duty station is Memphis, Tennessee, is due to expire on June 14, 2019. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens (the Merit Selection Panel) to consider the reappointment of each incumbent Magistrate Judge to a new eight (8) year term.

The duties of the Magistrate Judge in this Court include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) conducting the trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) overseeing and conducting proceedings in regard to various pretrial matters; (4) conducting evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the presiding District Judge; (5) preparing reports and recommendations for the presiding District Judge concerning matters referred to and presided over by the Magistrate Judge; and (6) conducting trials and rendering decisions about dispositive matters before the court in civil cases heard by the Magistrate Judge upon the consent of all litigants in the case.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent Magistrate Judge should be recommended by the Merit Selection Panel for reappointment by the District Court. All comments should be directed to the following email address: [MJPublicComments@tnwd.uscourts.gov](mailto:MJPublicComments@tnwd.uscourts.gov). Please note that comments regarding the reappointment of the incumbent Magistrate Judge must be submitted within thirty (30) days of this Public Notice and must therefore be received on or before **November 30, 2018**.