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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEEAFTER HOURS DEPOSITORY
Thomas M. Gould, Clerk
U. S. District Court
W. D. OF TN, MemphisIN RE: APPOINTMENT OF A MERIT SELECTION
PANEL TO CONSIDER THE REAPPOINTMENT
OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
Charmiane G. Claxton

Administrative Order No. 2016-37

The current term of the Honorable Charmiane G. Claxton, United States Magistrate Judge, is due to expire in May, 2017. In consideration of this event and in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Magistrates Act, as amended (28 U.S.C. § 631 *et seq.*), the District Judges of the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee hereby appoint the following residents to serve as a Merit Selection Panel:

Lisa Krupicka, Esq., Chair

Bradford Box, Esq.

Dean DeCandia Esq.

Earl Houston, Esq.

Robert Thomas, Esq.

Jennifer Balink

Dacry Harris

The Merit Selection Panel shall review the incumbent's current service as magistrate judge, the comments from members of the bar and public, and other evidence of the incumbent's good character, legal ability, temperament and commitment to equal justice under the law. The panel shall report to the court, within ninety days after the date of this order, its recommendation as to whether Magistrate Judge Charmiane G. Claxton should be reappointed to an additional term of office.

At its September 13, 2016 session, the Judicial Conference of the United States approved new regulations related to the selection and appointment of magistrate judges which can be found at Volume 3, Chapter 4 of the *The Guide to Judiciary Policy*. Specifically at

§ 420.30.10(c), members of a merit selection panel must be given written notice that in order for a merit selection panel member to be considered for a magistrate judge position, one year must have elapsed between the application deadline for the position and the earlier of: (1) date when the panel of service submitted its report to the court; or, (2) the date when a former member resigned from the panel.

The Clerk of Court is directed to cause to be published public notice regarding the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Charmiane G. Claxton. The notice shall be published as specified in the *Guide to Judiciary Policy* and shall be filed and posted in the office of the Clerk of Court and provided to the Director of the Administrative Office.

ENTERED THIS THE 19th DAY OF December, 2016.

For the Court:



J. DANIEL BREEN
CHIEF, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE