

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 12 - 26**

Pursuant to the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the following persons are appointed as the 2012 Western Division Merit Selection Panel:

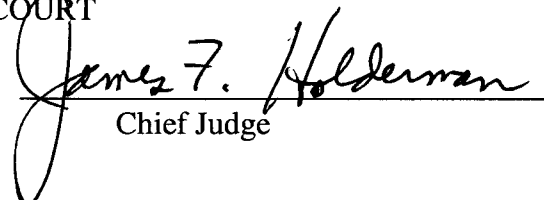
Hon. Val Gunnarsson, Chair
Mr. Herbert H. Franks, Deputy Chair
Ms Sara M. Cliffe
Mr. Earl Dotson, Jr.
Mr. Mike Dunn
Ms Patricia Fong
Mr. Thomas E. Laughlin
Mr. Glenn Schorsch
Ms Linda M. Zuba

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That

- (a) The Hon. Val Gunnarsson is designated as Chairperson of the Merit Selection Panel.
- (b) Mr. Herbert H. Franks is designated as Deputy Chairperson of the Merit Selection Panel.
- (b) The Merit Selection Panel shall submit to the Court a list of names of the five persons it finds to be the best qualified from the group of applicants who timely filed completed applications for the position of U.S. Magistrate Judge on or before October 15, 2012; and
- (c) Pursuant to the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges, the Merit Selection Panel is to submit its report to the Court addressed to the Chief Judge within ninety days of the Panel's appointment for distribution to and a selection decision by the District Judge of the Court. The Panel shall submit its report to the Chief Judge by January 15, 2013.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this order shall become effective on October 17, 2012.

ENTER:
FOR THE COURT


Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 17th day of October, 2012