

## Court Information Release



### United States District Court

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### **U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Now Accepting Applications for the Position of U.S. Magistrate Judge, Chicago Duty Station**

CHICAGO, Ill.- Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer announced today that the U.S. District Court will now be [accepting applications for the position of U.S. Magistrate Judge](#), Chicago duty station.

As required by law, Chief Judge Pallmeyer will appoint a Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community who will review all applications and recommend to the judges of the Court, in confidence, a list of the persons whom it considers best qualified. By statute, the Panel will include at least two non-lawyers and cannot include any sitting judge of this Court.

“We are grateful to persons who have served in the past and will serve as members of the Selection Panel for this appointment. They take on this important work in service to this court and to the people of our district. We have confidence in the esteemed and diverse panel members to vet and qualify Magistrate Judge candidates,” said Chief Judge Pallmeyer.

This U.S. Magistrate Judge position is a full-time position with an eight-year term of office and a duty station at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, 219 South Dearborn Street in Chicago, Illinois. The duties of the position of a United States Magistrate Judge include conducting most preliminary proceedings in federal criminal cases, the trial and disposition of federal misdemeanor cases as well as civil cases upon consent of the litigants, conducting various civil pretrial matters, such as settlement conferences and other proceedings on referral from the district judges of the Court.

To qualify for appointment as a U.S. Magistrate Judge, an applicant must be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years. The applicant must be less than seventy years

of age and may not be related to a judge of the district court. Additional information and the application can be found on the [Court's website](#).

The application process will close at 5:00 p.m. on November 23, 2022.

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