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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, Ill. – Chief Judge Rubén Castillo announced today that the U.S. District Court will again be accepting applications for the position of U.S. Magistrate Judge, Chicago duty station.

“We encourage the application of all qualified, interested attorneys who wish to join the Court’s talented and hard-working Magistrate Judge bench,” said Chief Judge Castillo.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applications and recommend to the judges of the Court, in confidence, a list of the persons whom it considers best qualified. The Panel, which is statutorily required to include at least two non-lawyers, cannot include any sitting judge.

“We will be blessed to shortly have a total of four new Magistrate Judges to assist us in doing important judicial work for the people of the Northern District of Illinois,” said Chief Judge Castillo.

The four new positions are the result of Magistrate Judge Mason’s impending retirement, Magistrate Judge Rowland’s pending appointment to the district court, the creation of a new Magistrate Judge position in Chicago, and the unfortunate passing of Magistrate Judge Martin.

This U.S. Magistrate Judge position is a full-time position with an eight-year term of office and a duty station at the Everett McKinley Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, 219 S. 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 reference 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. Applicants who applied to the recent U.S. Magistrate Judge position that closed on October 12, 2018, will be automatically considered for this vacancy. The applications submitted during the previous vacancy announcement period for the Chicago duty station will be reviewed by the Merit Selection Panel to also fill this U.S. Magistrate Judge opening unless there is a written request by the applicant to withdraw the application from this vacancy.

The application process is available on-line. For more information and to apply, please [click here](#). The application process will close at 4:30 p.m. on November 12, 2018.

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