

**UPDATED 3/31/20 – APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO  
5:00 PM ON MAY 1, 2020**

**Court Information Release**



**United States District Court**  
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division  
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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, Rockford Duty Station**

CHICAGO, Ill.- Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer announced today that the U.S. District Court, in light of the CO-VID 19 pandemic, has extended the application period for a U.S. Magistrate Judge, Rockford duty station. The vacancy was originally announced on March 9, 2020.

“The court encourages all qualified and interested attorneys to apply,” said Chief Judge Pallmeyer.

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 court will make the appointment following the confirmation of the current U.S. Magistrate Judge as a U.S. District Judge, a Federal Bureau of Investigation full-field investigation, and Internal Revenue Service tax check of the person selected to fill the position. The position is open to any qualified candidate; women and members of underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.

This U.S. Magistrate Judge position is a full-time position with an eight-year term of office and a duty station at the Roszkowski U.S. Courthouse, 327 South Church Street in Rockford, 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, and 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. Additional information and the application can be found on the [court's website](#). The application process will now close at 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2020.

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