

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**GENERAL ORDER 18 - 0016**

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; therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the following persons are appointed as a Merit Selection Panel:

Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes, Chair  
Mr. Ricardo Estrada  
Mr. Joseph M. Gagliardo  
Ms. Marisel A. Hernandez  
Hon. Arlander Keys  
Ms. Spiridoula (Litza) Mavrothalasitis  
Mr. Samuel S. Park  
Ms. Esther Franco-Payne  
Mr. Stephen H. Pugh  
Mr. Sergio F. Rodriguez  
Ms. Zaldwaynaka (Z) Scott  
Ms. Natalie J. Spears  
Mr. Nigel Telman

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That

- (a) Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes is designated as Chairperson of the Merit Selection Panel.
- (b) Mr. Ricardo Estrada and Ms. Esther Franco-Payne are designated as the two non-attorney members of this Merit Selection Panel.
- (c) The Merit Selection Panel shall submit to the court a combined list of names no more than ten persons it finds to be the best qualified from the group of applicants who timely filed completed application for the position of U.S. Magistrate Judge on or before June 27, 2018, and those applicants that applied pursuant to General Order 18 – 0013, and within this announcement.
- (d) 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 members will follow all guidelines and restrictions imposed by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

- (e) The Merit Selection Panel shall file its report with the Court within ninety days of the Panel's appointment for distribution to and a selection decision by the District Judges of the Court. The Panel shall submit its report to the Chief Judge by September 4, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this order shall become effective on June 27, 2018.

ENTER:  
FOR THE COURT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rubén Castillo', written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Rubén Castillo, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018