

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
GENERAL ORDER 21 – 0001**

The current term of Magistrate Judge Jeffrey N. Cole will expire on May 5, 2021. The full Court met in executive session on October 29, 2020 and agreed that it wishes to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Cole; therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to the Federal Magistrate Judges Act (28 U.S.C. § 631, *et seq.*) and the regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts establishing standards and procedures for the reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges, the following persons are appointed to act as an Advisory Panel to review the current service of the Honorable Jeffrey N. Cole and to make a report to the Court recommending whether he should be reappointed as a magistrate judge:

Hon. Arlander Keys, Chair (retired)  
Mr. Theodore T. Chung  
Mr. Jeremy C. Daniel  
Mr. Joseph M. Gagliardo  
Mr. Richard J. Gonzalez  
Ms. Vernee Green\*  
Ms. Eileen M. Letts  
Ms. Spiridoula (Litza) Mavrothalasitis  
Ms. Esther Franco-Payne\*  
Ms. Amanda Gabriela Penabad  
Mr. Stephen H. Pugh  
Mr. Nigel F. Telman  
Hon. Debra Walker

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That

- (a) The Hon. Arlander Keys (retired) is designated as Chairperson of the Merit Selection Panel.
- (b) Ms. Vernee Green and Ms. Esther Franco-Payne, are designated as the two non-attorney members of the Merit Selection Panel.
- (c) The Merit Selection Panel shall file its report with the Court within ninety days of the Panel's appointment. The Panel shall submit its report to the Chief Judge by April 14, 2021.
- (d) Pursuant to the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this order shall become effective on January 15, 2021.

ENTER:  
FOR THE COURT

  
Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021