

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 21 – 0002**

The current term of Magistrate Judge Maria G. Valdez will expire on May 19, 2021. The full Court met in executive session on October 29, 2020 and agreed that it wishes to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Valdez; 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 Maria G. Valdez and to make a report to the Court recommending whether she 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 15th day of January, 2021