

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

GENERAL ORDER 25 – 0025

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. Eileen M. Letts (Chair)
Mr. Theodore T. Chung
Mr. Ronald L. DeWald Jr.
Hon. Grace G. Dickler (Ret.)
Mr. Joseph M. Gagliardo
Ms. Verneé Green*
Ms. Nathalina Hudson
Ms. Spiridoula (Litza) Mavrothalasitis
Ms. Amanda Gabriela Penabad
Mr. Nigel F. Telman
Ms. Kali Thomas*
Mr. Jeffrey S. Torosian
Hon. Debra B. Walker
Hon. Edward Washington, II (Ret.)
Mr. Sheldon T. Zenner

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That

- (a) Ms. Eileen M. Letts is designated as Chairperson of the Merit Selection Panel.
- (b) Ms. Verneé Green and Ms. Kali Thomas are designated as the two non-attorney members of this Merit Selection Panel.
- (c) The Merit Selection Panel shall submit to the court a list of candidates it finds to be the best qualified from the group of applicants who timely filed a completed application for the position announcement of U.S. Magistrate Judge-Chicago 2025-47.
- (d) 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 January 12, 2026.
- (e) 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. No person may be considered for selection by the court for a magistrate judge position while serving as a member of a panel and for a former panel member may not be considered for a subsequent magistrate judge position within one year from the date of submitted report to the court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this order shall become effective on October 22, 2025

**ENTER:
FOR THE COURT**



Hon. Virginia M. Kendall, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 22nd day of October, 2025