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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE POSITION APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE AND DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 1, 2012 AT 4:30 P.M.

CHICAGO – Chief Judge James F. Holderman announced today that the U.S. District Court Clerk’s Office has applications for the position of United States Magistrate Judge available on-line.

The Court expects, subject to Judicial Conference and Circuit Council approval, that two vacancies will exist for the position of United States Magistrate Judge later this year, upon the retirement of Magistrate Judges Morton Denlow and Nan Nolan in October 2012. Chief Judge Holderman intends to appoint a Merit Selection Panel that will screen the candidates and make recommendations to the district judges in the late spring of 2012. These are full-time positions with an eight-year term of office and a duty station at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago, 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, 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 United States 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. For more information on the application process, please click [here](#).