

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

**ORDER APPOINTING MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE SELECTION PANEL**

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The Court has been informed that Magistrate Judge Michael J. Watanabe will retire effective July 1, 2018, and has received authorization to fill the vacancy created by his retirement. In accordance with Volume 3, Chap. 4, § 420 of the Judicial Conference Regulations governing the Selection, Appointment, and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges and having advised all panel members of restrictions imposed by Judicial Conference Regulations regarding their eligibility for future magistrate judge positions, it is

ORDERED that, effective today, the following persons are appointed to serve as the Merit Selection Panel for the upcoming vacancy for a United States Magistrate Judge.

The Hon. Christopher C. Cross, (ret.) (Chairperson)  
Shirley A. Algiene, Ph.D.  
Ryan T. Bergsieker, Esq.  
Laurie K. Dean, Esq.  
Jeffrey S. Hurd, Esq.  
Shawna Killen  
Susan S. Sperber, Esq.  
Kathryn Starnella, Esq.  
Kevin Traskos, Esq.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Panel submit its report designating the five applicants that it finds best qualified to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge to the Court on or before May 2, 2018.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2018.

**BY THE COURT:**



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Marcia S. Krieger  
Chief United States District Judge