

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

Public Notice Concerning the Reappointment of Magistrate Judge Gordon P. Gallagher

The current term of office of part-time United States Magistrate Judge Gordon P. Gallagher for U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado is due to expire on October 11, 2020. Magistrate Judge Gallagher sits in Grand Junction, Colorado.

The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new four-year term.

The basic authority of a United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636. In criminal cases, the duties of the part-time Magistrate Judge in Grand Junction are specified in the Western Slope protocol. They include: (1) issuance of search warrants; (2) conducting preliminary proceedings; (3) presiding over the trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; and (4) upon reference, hearing and making recommendations on pretrial motions and, upon consent of the parties, conducting change of plea hearings and giving appropriate advisements in accordance with Fed.R.Crim.P.11 in felony cases. In civil cases, the duties of a part-time magistrate judge include: (1) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge, and (2) under certain specified conditions, trial and disposition of civil cases upon the consent of the parties.

Written comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court.

All comments should be submitted electronically by email, or a PDF attachment to an email, to the Office of the Clerk of Court: cod_magistratejudge_comments@cod.uscourts.gov (cod_magistratejudge_comments@cod.uscourts.gov)

Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 14, 2020