

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

**Public Notice Concerning the Appointment of New Magistrate Judge**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of an additional full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Colorado with a duty station in Denver, Colorado.

The authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636. In the District of Colorado, a Magistrate Judge performs numerous duties including: (1) conducting preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) presiding over the trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a District Judge; and (4) presiding over the trial and disposition of civil cases with the consent of the litigants. In this last capacity, Magistrate Judges are directly assigned civil cases on a random draw. If a case is not directly assigned, a Magistrate Judge is paired with Article III judges on a civil case. In both contexts, parties can consent to the Magistrate Judge making all judicial decisions in the case.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

- (1) be, and have been for five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 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 (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and Courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) be less than seventy years old;
- (4) not be related to a judge of the district Court;
- (5) submit the information required by the financial disclosure filing requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101-111, as implemented by the Judicial Conference.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applications and will confidentially recommend the applications of five persons to the Court. The Court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the Court for appointment. Full consideration will be given to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), sex, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, or disability. The current (2016) annual salary of the position is \$186,852. The term of office is eight (8) years.

A Magistrate Judge application form may be obtained from the Court's website at: <https://www.cod.usCourts.gov/HR/EmploymentOpportunities.aspx> (under "District Court" towards bottom of page). Persons interested in applying must submit their application packet electronically in PDF format and include a cover letter indicating interest in the position,

completed application form, and any supporting documentation. Submissions must be e-mailed by the applicant personally to: [cod\\_magistratejudge\\_2016submissions@cod.uscourts.gov](mailto:cod_magistratejudge_2016submissions@cod.uscourts.gov) and must be received by close of business (5:00 p.m. MDT) on **February 29, 2016**.

Applicants may contact Ms. Ronna Duncan, Director, Human Resources Division, at 303-335-2490 for questions regarding the application process.

All applications and deliberations will be kept confidential. Applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the members of the Court.

The United States District Court is an Equal Opportunity Employer.