

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

**Public Notice Concerning the Appointment of New Part-Time Magistrate Judge**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a part-time United States magistrate judge for the District of Colorado located in Durango, Colorado to fill the vacancy that will be created upon the retirement of Magistrate Judge David West no later than December 31, 2018. The term of office is four (4) years. The current annual salary of the position is \$56,607.

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 Durango 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.

To be qualified, an applicant must:

- (1) Be, and for the prior five years have been, 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;
- (2) Have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (3) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office. This includes, but is not limited to being of good moral character, being emotionally stable and mature, being committed to equal justice under the law, being in good health, being patient and courteous, and being capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (4) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (5) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applications and, in confidence, will recommend the three best qualified applicants to the District 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. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101-111, as implemented by the Judicial Conference. 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.

An 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). Applicants must submit their completed application, a cover letter, and any supporting documentation in PDF format by email to:  
[cod\\_magistratejudge\\_durangosubmissions@cod.uscourts.gov](mailto:cod_magistratejudge_durangosubmissions@cod.uscourts.gov)

All materials must be received by close of business (5:00 p.m. MDT) on **May 18, 2018**.

Applicants may contact Mrs. Louise Wilson, Human Resources Administrator, 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.

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