

**U.S. DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The United States District Court for the District of Wyoming is seeking qualified applicants for the position of full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the office in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

This position is available on February 1, 2011.

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Wyoming at Cheyenne.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must

- (1) Be, and have been for at least 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 5 years;
- (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 capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) 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 recommend to the district judges in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. 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. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$160,080. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position in this court may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court in Cheyenne and Casper, Wyoming. The form is also available on the court's internet website at www.wyd.uscourts.gov. Applications must be submitted only by potential nominees to:

United States District Court
c/o Merit Selection Panel
"Confidential"
P. O. Box 1348
Cheyenne, WY 82003-1348

Applications can be emailed to hr@wyd.uscourts.gov and **must be received no later than close of business April 16, 2010.**

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.