

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPOINTMENT OF 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 Wyoming at Jackson, Wyoming.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and will include the conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and 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 (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; 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 applicants and recommend to the district judges in confidence the three persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and 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, including women and members of minority groups. The current annual salary of the position is \$23,902.00. The term of office is four (4) years.

Further information and application forms on the magistrate judge position may be obtained from the office of the Clerk, U. S. District Court at Room 121, 111 South Wolcott, Casper, Wyoming or Room 2141, 2120 Capitol Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming or visit the court's Internet website at <http://www.ck10.uscourts.gov/wyoming/district/index.html>. Applications must be submitted only by potential nominees to Merit Selection Panel, c/o Clerk, U. S. District, 2120 Capitol Avenue, Room 2141, Cheyenne WY 82001 marked "Confidential" or faxed to (307) 433-2148 and **must be received no later than January 16, 2004.**

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.

Successful candidates for this position will be contacted directly by the Merit Selection Panel for interviews.

Interviews for this position will be held on February 12, 2004 in Jackson, Wyoming.