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 Mammoth Hot Springs at Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time Magistrate Judge to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Magistrate Judge Mark L. Carman. The position becomes available on January 16, 2022 and upon the successful candidate's completion of a full FBI and IRS background investigation.

The salary for this full-time position is set at \$201,112 per annum. Mammoth Hot Springs is located at the North Entrance of Yellowstone National Park.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging: (1) conducting most preliminary and pretrial proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings in civil cases upon 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.
- (2) Have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years. The court may consider as substitute experience the following, including any combination thereof:
 - a. Judge of a state court of record or other state judicial officer.
 - b. U.S. magistrate judge, bankruptcy judge, or other federal judicial officer.
 - c. Attorney for federal or state agencies.
 - d. Up to two years as a law clerk to any judge or judicial officer or as a staff attorney or pro se law clerk in a court.
 - e. Other types of substantial legal experience (subsequent to receipt of a law degree or license to practice law), not included in (a) through (d) above, which is suitable

as a substitute in the opinion of the court.

- (3) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office, be of good moral character;
- (4) 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 when required to act on his or her own reason and judgment.
- (5) Must be less than 70 years old at the time of appointment.
- (6) Not be related by blood or marriage to a judge of the appointing District Court within the degree specified in 28 U.S.C. § 458.

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 persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment following a FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. The appointee must comply with the financial disclosure requirements of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101-111.

An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age, gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$201,112. The term of office is eight years, subject to review and reappointment thereafter.

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.

Qualified persons interested in being considered for this position must submit a cover letter and specify qualifications in relation to the position, application form (available on the court's website), a resume, letters of recommendation (limit 3), and supporting documents to:

Applications must be submitted <u>only by potential nominees</u> to: <u>wydmjapp@wyd.uscourts.gov</u> and <u>must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2021.</u>

Unless the applicant consents to additional disclosure, only the members of the selection panel, the district judges, and necessary court staff will view the applications. The selection panel's and the district judges' deliberation will remain confidential.