

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA**

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa is accepting applications for a full-time United States Magistrate Judge. This position is located in Sioux City, Iowa. The current Magistrate Judge has been nominated by the President to replace the Honorable Mark W. Bennett, who took senior status in June 2015.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and include but are not limited to: (1) conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases, including plea hearings; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on referral from District Judges; 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 (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 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. The current annual salary of the position is \$185,012. A full range of benefits is offered including, but not limited to, retirement and health, disability, and long term care insurance. This position will become available when the current Magistrate Judge is appointed to the Article III judgeship in Sioux City. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms and more information on the position in this court may be obtained from the Clerk of the District Court at 320 Sixth Street, Sioux City, IA 51101 or 111 Seventh Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52401. The form is also available on the court's website at www.iand.uscourts.gov. Application packets should include a cover letter, resume,

application and any supporting documentation. Applications must be submitted only by the applicant personally or via mail. The original and fifteen (15) copies must be received in the U.S. District Court Clerk's Office, ATTN: Robert Phelps, 111 Seventh Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52401 by August 28th, 2015. Submissions by email or fax will not be accepted.

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.

The United States District Court is an Equal Opportunity Employer.