



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PART-TIME MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The United States District Court for the District of Maryland is now accepting applications for a part-time United States Magistrate Judge position at Salisbury.

The duties of the position will include those authorized for part-time Magistrate Judges, including the conduct of preliminary proceedings in criminal cases and the trial and disposition of misdemeanors and infractions cases. The basic jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636 *et seq.*

This position is designated as Salisbury and has primary responsibility for Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties, Assateague Island National Seashore and Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge including the portions thereof situated in the Eastern District of Virginia, Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuge and Watts Island National Refuge which lie in the Eastern District of Virginia, and those areas under the operational control of the Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Group Eastern Shore including those areas situated in the Eastern District of Virginia, with travel to other locations within the state of Maryland as required.

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 at the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 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 United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all qualified applications and recommend in confidence to the District Judges the five persons it considers best qualified for the position. The Court will make the appointments following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the appointee. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The current salary of the position is \$26,149.00. The term of office is four (4) years and reappointment is possible.

Application forms can be obtained from the Clerk of the District Court or on-line by accessing the "Magistrate Judge Announcement" icon on the Court's home page at www.mdd.uscourts.gov. Please note that the applicant must personally apply, no nominations will be accepted. On or before September 15, 2011, an original and nine (9) copies of the completed application including attachments and three writing samples should be submitted in an envelope marked MERIT SELECTION PANEL-CONFIDENTIAL to:

Chair, Magistrate Judge Selection Panel
c/o Felicia C. Cannon, Clerk
United States District Court for the District of Maryland
4415 U.S. Courthouse
101 West Lombard Street, Fourth Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201

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 United States District Court for the District of Maryland. The deliberations of the Panel and the Judges will remain confidential.