

NOTICE

The United States District Court for the District of Maryland proposes to reappoint three United States Magistrate Judges, two full-time United States Magistrate Judges in Greenbelt and one part-time United States Magistrate Judge in Hagerstown.

The term of one of the full-time United States Magistrate Judge positions, currently occupied by the Honorable Jillyn K. Schulze, is due to expire on October 23, 2002. The term of the other full-time United States Magistrate Judge position, currently occupied by the Honorable William Connelly, is due to expire March 30, 2003. The term of the part-time United States Magistrate Judge position, currently occupied by the Honorable Thomas M. DiGirolamo, is due to expire on September 17, 2002.

The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of magistrate judges to new terms. The Court proposes to reappoint full-time United States Magistrate Judges Schulze and Connelly each for an additional eight-year term. The Court proposes to reappoint part-time United States Magistrate Judge DiGirolamo for an additional four-year term. One selection panel to consider the reappointment of all three incumbents has been established.

Magistrate Judges Schulze and Connelly perform those duties authorized to be performed by full-time magistrate judges, including 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 the judges of the district court; conduct of mediation/settlement conferences; and trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. Magistrate Judges Schulze and Connelly hear cases primarily in Greenbelt, but may also hear cases at other locations in Maryland. Magistrate Judge Schulze has primary responsibility for the United States Naval Academy and Magistrate Judge Connelly has primary responsibility for the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Magistrate Judge DiGirolamo performs those duties authorized to be performed by part-time magistrate judges, including conduct of preliminary hearings in criminal cases and the trial and disposition of misdemeanors and infraction cases. Magistrate Judge DiGirolamo hears cases primarily in Hyattsville, but may also hear cases at other locations in Maryland. Magistrate Judge DiGirolamo has primary responsibility for Fort Detrick, the U. S. Park Police, the C & O Canal, Catoctin Mountain Park, Antietam National Battlefield, Monocacy National Battlefield, Harper's Ferry National Park, the National Institute of Standards & Technology; and is also designated to sit in the Northern District of West Virginia.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the three incumbents, Magistrate Judges Schulze, Connelly, and DiGirolamo, should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the Court and should be directed to:

Chairman, Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel
c/o Felicia C. Cannon, Clerk
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District of Maryland
4th Floor, U. S. Courthouse
101 West Lombard Street
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Comments must be received no later than May 17, 2002.