

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

ORDER

Subject to the approval of the Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System and the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council, the Court intends to appoint a Magistrate Judge to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Magistrate Judge Daniel E. Knowles, effective January 5, 2019. Accordingly;

IT IS ORDERED that a Merit Selection Panel is established to recommend to the Court those applicants it considers best qualified to serve as United States Magistrate Judge. The following individuals (9 attorneys and 2 non-attorneys) are appointed to the Panel:

Richard C. Stanley, Chair

Claude J. Kelly

Nolan Paige

Paul Sterbcow

Elizabeth S. Sconzert

Sonia Perez (non-attorney)

Sally Shushan

Kelly T. Scalise

Adrienne Baumgartner

Timothy F. Daniels

Darlene Cusanza (non-attorney)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Merit Selection Panel make a report to the Court with its six (6) recommendations by August 17, 2018.

All members of the Panel have been advised that Merit Selection Panel members are restricted from applying for a magistrate judge position for a one-year period under Section 420.30.20(d) of the selection and appointment regulations.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 5th day of April, 2018.


KURT D. ENGELHARDT, CHIEF JUDGE