

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

ORDER

Subject to the approval of the Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System, the Court intends to appoint a Magistrate Judge to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Magistrate Judge Jay Wilkinson, effective June 1, 2020.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that a Merit Selection Panel is established effective September 3, 2019 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:

Wayne Lee, Chair

Thomas Flanagan

Jennifer Thornton

Corinne Morrison

Jerald Block

Michael Williamson (non-attorney)

Steve Usdin

Adria Kimbrough

Richard Cortizas

Ian Atkinson

Judy Reese Morse (non-attorney)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Merit Selection Panel make a report to the Court with its six (6) recommendations by December 2, 2019.

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 28th day of August, 2019.



**NANNETTE JOLIVETTE BROWN
CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**