

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

ORDER

The Court intends to appoint a Magistrate Judge to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Magistrate Judge Sally Shushan, effective July 30, 2016.

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 (ten attorneys and two non-attorneys) are appointed to the Panel:

James A. Brown, Attorney (CHAIR)	Amelia "Mimi" Koch, Attorney
William P. Gibbens, Attorney	A. Gregory Grimsal, Attorney
Tracey Knight, Attorney	D. Majeeda Snead, Attorney
Justin I. Woods, Attorney	M. Palmer Lambert, Attorney
Debra J. Fischman, Attorney	Edward L. "Ned" Diefenthal (non-attorney)
Barry W. Ashe, Attorney	Trish Comiskey (non-attorney)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Merit Selection Panel make a report to the Court with its six (6) recommendations by April 29, 2016.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 1st day of February, 2016.


KURT D. ENGELHARDT, CHIEF JUDGE