

**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 Karen Wells Roby, effective January, 2027.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that a Merit Selection Panel is established on July 22, 2026 to recommend to the Court those applicants it considers best qualified to serve as United States Magistrate Judge. The following individuals (6 attorneys; 2 non-attorneys; 1 non-practicing attorney) are appointed to the Panel:

Kelly Titus Scalise, Chair

Nathan Alvarez (non-atty)

Erica Beck

Charles Bourque, Jr.

Fr. W. Penn Dawson (non-practicing atty)

Michael C. Drew

Wayne Joseph Lee

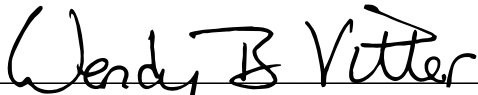
Julie Livaudais

Norman Robinson (non-atty)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Merit Selection Panel make a report to the Court with its five (5) recommendations by September 30, 2026.

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 22nd day of July, 2026.


WENDY B. VITTER, Chief Judge
United States District Court