

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Massachusetts, serving in the Eastern Division, with a duty station in the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston, MA, commencing upon the retirement of Magistrate Judge Robert B. Collings in 2014.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging, including, but not limited to: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a District Judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least 5 years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the District Judges in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. A list of the members of the panel constituted by the Court is set forth in the attached Order. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. The current annual salary of the position is \$160,080. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position in this Court may be obtained from the Clerk of Court, Robert M. Farrell, U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts, 1 Courthouse Way, Suite 2300, Boston, MA 02210. The application form also is available on the Court's Internet website at: [www.mad.uscourts.gov](http://www.mad.uscourts.gov). Submitted applications (original and 14 copies) shall be marked "CONFIDENTIAL," signed by the applicant personally **and must be received before 5:00 PM on September 30, 2013 to be considered.**

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the Judges of the Court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

August 15, 2013

*Robert M. Farrell*  
Clerk of Court

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**Order**

After consideration by this court of Section 3.02 of the “Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges,” it is hereby ORDERED that the following persons are appointed members of the Merit Selection Panel, effective August 15, 2013.

Susan M. Finegan, Esq., Chair  
John Bocon  
Victoria M. Bonilla-Argudo, Esq.  
Thomas J. Conte , Esq.  
Vikas S. Dhar, Esq.  
Craig Gibson , Esq.  
Joan M. Griffin , Esq.  
Stephen G. Huggard , Esq.  
Cheryl Lindsay  
Melinda M. Phelps, Esq.  
Alan D. Rose, Esq.

The Panel will, in accordance with the above regulations, report to the court by **December 20, 2013** its recommendations regarding prospective candidates to fill the vacancy of United States Magistrate Judge.

Dated: August 15, 2013

*/s/ George A. O’Toole Jr.*

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For the Court, George A. O’Toole Jr.  
United States District Judge