

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The current term of the office of **United States Magistrate Judge Jennifer C. Boal** will expire on May 2, 2018. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §631(b)(5) and regulations promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts has appointed a panel of citizens to advise the court concerning the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge include, in criminal cases, the conduct of most preliminary proceedings, as well as trials and dispositions of misdemeanor offenses. In civil cases, the duties encompass managing various pretrial matters, presiding over evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the district judges, and conducting trials upon the consent of the litigants.

In aid of its review and evaluation of the incumbent's performance in office, the panel will consider comments from members of the bar and the public and any other evidence of her character, ability, fairness and commitment to equal justice. It will report its recommendations to the Court.

Comments from members of the bar and the public concerning the incumbent's qualifications for reappointment are invited and must be received by **March 5, 2018**. They should be marked "Confidential" and directed to:

Robert M. Farrell  
Clerk of Court  
Attn: USMJ - Reappointment  
United States District Court  
1 Courthouse Way, Suite 2300  
Boston, MA 02210

January 8, 2018

*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 January 10, 2018.

Kathleen B. Carr, Esq., Chair  
Steven Y. Chow, Esq.  
Eric Paul Christophersson, Esq.  
Hon. Thomas E. Connolly (ret.)  
Helen Costello  
Daniel W. Cronin, Esq.  
Harris Freeman, Esq.  
Rachel E. Hershfang, Esq.  
Gerald Howland  
Stephen Wright, Esq.

The Panel will, in accordance with the above regulations, report to the court by **March 28, 2018** its recommendations regarding the re-appointment of Magistrate Judge Jennifer C. Boal.

Dated: January 8, 2018

*/s/ George A. O’Toole Jr.*

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