

United States District Court

District of South Dakota

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Notice of Vacancy of U.S. Magistrate Judge

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota. This vacancy was created by Magistrate Judge John E. Simko's upcoming retirement.

A Merit Selection Panel comprised of attorneys and members of the community will review applications in confidence and recommend to the District Judges of the U.S. District Court the persons it considers best qualified to fill the position. The Court will interview the finalists and make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the Court. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The salary of the position is \$183,172 per year and the position will be located in Sioux Falls. The term of office is eight years; incumbents may be reappointed to successive terms.

Applications are invited from individuals who meet the following qualifications:

- A current member and a member in good standing for at least five years in the bar of the highest court of a state;
- Engaged in the active practice of law for at least five years;
- Competent to perform all the duties of the office as specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636;
- Less than 70 years old; and
- Not related to a judge of the U.S. District Court.

The duties of Magistrate Judges are enumerated in 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Rule 72.1. The duties include presiding over initial proceedings in criminal cases; trials of misdemeanor cases, including petty offenses; pretrial matters and other proceedings in civil and criminal cases; conducting civil settlement conferences; and disposition of civil cases with the consent of the parties.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure. All applications will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the judges of the district court. The Panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

To apply, complete the official application form and provide a .pdf copy, by email, to the Clerk of the United States District Court at joe_haas.sdd.uscourts.gov. The .pdf copy of the official application should be named "your last name. your first name.pdf." Any attachments should be created separately and should be named "your last name.your first name. attachment 1of1" Additional attachments should follow the same naming convention but indicating that the attachment is 2 of 3 etc. Upon receipt, the Clerk will, by return email, acknowledge receipt, indicating that the original application has been received and also indicating which attachments have been received. If you do not receive email confirmation contact the Clerk to verify that your application and attachments have been received. Any questions should be directed to the Clerk by email at joe_haas@sdd.uscourts.gov or by phone at 605 330 6600. The official application is available on the Court's website at www.sdd.uscourts.gov. Applications and attachments **must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Central Time on Friday, May 30, 2014.**