United States District Court

District of South Dakota

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Vacancy Notice for U.S. Magistrate Judge

The Judicial Conference of the United States authorized the appointment of a part-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Western Division of the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota at Rapid City.

A Merit Selection Panel comprised of attorneys and members of the community will review applications in confidence and recommend to the judges of the U.S. District Court the persons it considers best qualified to fill the position. The Court will interview the finalists and, following a FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant, make the appointment. Women and members of minority groups are encouraged to apply.

The salary for the position is \$84,538 per year. The term of office is four years. Incumbents may be reappointed to successive terms.

The duties of Magistrate Judges are enumerated in 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Rule 72.1. 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.

The official application and additional information about the position is available on the Court's website at <u>www.sdd.uscourts.gov</u>. Applications should be sent by e-mail addressed to the Clerk of Court <u>joe_haas@sdd.uscourts.gov</u> and **must be received no later than 5 p.m. Central Time on Friday, October 17, 2014**.