

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
NORTHERN DIVISION

In the Matter of the Expiration of
the Term of William D. Gerdes,
United States Magistrate Judge,
Northern Division

ORDER APPOINTING
MERIT SELECTION PANEL

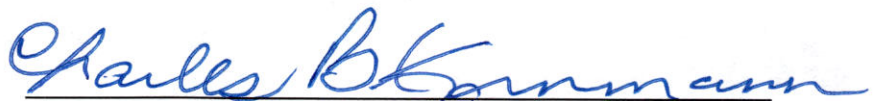
A Merit Selection Panel shall be formed to assist the United States District Judges in their determination as to the reappointment of the incumbent magistrate judge, William D. Gerdes. The panel shall review the incumbent's performance in office as a magistrate judge, and consider comments received from members of the bar and the public, and any other pertinent evidence as to the incumbent's good character, judgment, legal ability, temperament, and commitment to equal justice under the law.

After considering this information, the panel, by October 16, 2020, must report to the Court as to whether it recommends the incumbent for reappointment to an additional term of office. The report may contain written reasons for substantiating the panel's decision. Furthermore, all information received by the panel as a result of this process should be included as part of the record submitted to the Court.

The panel shall include: Tom Paepke-Chairperson, Barb Evans, Jason Tupman, Troy Morley, and Dean Webb.

Dated 6/16, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



CHARLES B. KORNMAN
United States District Judge