

**United States District Court
District of South Dakota**

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Vacancy Announcement #09-20

VACANCY NOTICE FOR U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE
Applications accepted through Friday, November 6, 2020

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. The full-time Magistrate Judge will be stationed in Pierre, South Dakota and will serve the Central (Pierre) and Northern (Aberdeen) Divisions. The current salary is \$199,088 per year. The successful candidate will serve for an eight-year term and may be appointed to successive terms.

A Merit Selection Panel comprised of attorneys and members of the community will review applications and provide recommendations to the District Court of the most qualified candidates. The Court will interview the candidates, select a finalist, and make the appointment subject to a full-field FBI investigation and IRS tax check. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 90 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified at 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101-111) as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates including women and minorities.

Applications are invited from individuals who meet the following qualifications:

- Current member and 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 of the duties 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 the Magistrate Judge are enumerated in 28 U.S.C. § 636 and D.S.D. Crim. LR 41.1. 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 consent of the parties.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure. Applications will be reviewed 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 Magistrate Judge application document found under “Employment” on the South Dakota District Court’s website at www.sdd.uscourts.gov. The application should be saved in PDF format as “Last Name, First Name” and emailed to Mesa Scott, Human Resources Administrator, at mesa_scott@sdd.uscourts.gov by 5:00 pm CST on November 6, 2020. Additional attachments must be saved separately and be named “Last Name, First Name attachment 1 of 1”. Any additional attachments should follow the same sequence, such as attachment 2 of 3, etc. Once received, the Human Resources Administrator will send acknowledgement by email reply indicating the application has been received as well as any applicable attachments. If you do not receive an email confirmation within 48 hours, call Mesa Scott at 605-977-8959 to verify receipt. Applications and attachments must be received no later than 5:00 pm CST on Friday, November 6, 2020.