

## PRESS RELEASE

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

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### **Southern District of Indiana Receives Additional Magistrate Judgeship and Seeks Applicants**

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (September 16, 2020): The Judicial Conference of the United States yesterday authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, effective April 1, 2021. The new magistrate judge will be housed in the Indianapolis division, but may have additional duties in other divisions. This addition will give the Court six full-time magistrate judges, along with two part-time magistrate judgeships.

Chief Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson said, "The creation of the new magistrate judge position is exciting news for our Court. As one of the busiest courts in the nation, the Southern District of Indiana's judges, staff, attorneys, and most importantly, parties, will greatly benefit from this addition. We are grateful to the Judicial Conference for authorizing this new position and look forward to the interview and appointment process."

To be qualified for appointment as a magistrate judge, applicants must:

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutions authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and

(4) Not be related to a Judge of the District Court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the Judges of the District Court, in confidence, the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment.

A number of other requirements apply. Application forms and more information on the Magistrate Judge position in this court may be obtained in the Clerk's Office of the District Court in Indianapolis, New Albany, Evansville, or Terre Haute, Indiana, and also are available on the District Court's website at:

<http://www.insd.uscourts.gov/employment-opportunities>.

The application window closes at 4:30 pm Eastern on Friday, October 16, 2020.

**Questions regarding the position can be referred to Roger A. G. Sharpe, Clerk of Court, at [MagJudgeApp@insd.uscourts.gov](mailto:MagJudgeApp@insd.uscourts.gov) or 317-229-3700.**