

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE REAPPOINTMENT )  
OF KENNETH G. GALE AS A UNITED )  
STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR )  
THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS )  
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**ORDER**

On September 25, 2017, a poll of the District Court Judges was taken to determine the court's intention regarding the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Kenneth G. Gale. The court unanimously endorsed the initiation of the process to reappoint Kenneth G. Gale as United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Kansas for an eight year term commencing August 1, 2018, upon the expiration of his present eight year term of service.

Pursuant to Section 6.03 of the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges, the clerk of the court is directed to cause the full public notice which is attached to this order as "Appendix A" to be published in the Journal of the Kansas Bar Association and in the publications of the Wichita, Topeka, and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Associations. The full public notice shall also be posted on the Court's public website and disseminated by e-mail to all federal practitioners registered with CM/ECF in the District of Kansas.

The court appoints the following merit selection panel:

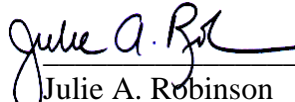
David G. Seely, chair	(lawyer)	Chekasha (Che) F. Ramsey	(lawyer)
Brooke B. Aziere	(lawyer)	Duston J. Slinkard	(lawyer)
Steven K. Gradert	(lawyer)	Danny T. Krug	(non-lawyer)
Aaron L. Kite	(lawyer)	Sheryl L. Wohlford	(non-lawyer)
Robert J. Moody	(lawyer)		

The merit selection panel shall submit a report to the court pursuant to Section 3.04 of the above-cited regulations.

Applicants should refrain from contacting individual Panel Members directly. Any comments or inquiries related to the Panel or the process should be directed to Timothy M. O'Brien, Clerk of Court, at ksd\_recruitment@ksd.uscourts.gov rather than to any of the Panel members. We appreciate adherence to this request to preserve the independent work of the Panel. To further assure that the Panel functions independently, the Court has instructed the Panel members that the contents of the Panel deliberations must remain strictly confidential.

**BY THE COURT IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Entered for the Court at Kansas City, Kansas, January 3, 2018.

  
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Julie A. Robinson  
Chief Judge

**NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF REAPPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
AND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The current term of the office of United States Magistrate Judge Kenneth G. Gale of Wichita, is due to expire on August 1, 2018. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge position include the following: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to Timothy M. O'Brien, Clerk of Court, United States District Court, 259 Robert J. Dole U.S. Courthouse, 500 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m., March 9, 2018.