

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT )  
OF A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE )  
JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS )  
AT WICHITA )  
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**ORDER**

Pursuant to § 420.30.10 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 court appoints the following merit selection panel which shall recommend to the court five nominees whose character, experience, ability, and commitment to equal justice under the law fully qualify them to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Kansas at Wichita:

Gary Ayers	(Chair, lawyer)
Krystle Dalke	(lawyer)
Jillian Dent	(lawyer)
Angela Gupta	(lawyer)
Ryan Huschka	(lawyer)
Darryl Kelly	(non-lawyer)
Jeffrey Kuhlman	(lawyer)
Chekasha Ramsey	(lawyer)
Dionne Scherff	(lawyer)
Michael Schneider	(non-lawyer)
Michael Shultz	(lawyer)
Heather Zerger	(lawyer)

The merit selection panel shall submit a report to the court pursuant to § 420.30.40 of the above-cited regulations.

The panel has received written notification of the restriction in §420.30.20 (d) which states that in order for a former merit selection panel member to be considered for a magistrate judge position, one year must have elapsed between the application deadline and service on the panel. The Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System is authorized to grant waivers to this provision on an individual case basis.

Applicants should refrain from contacting individual panel members directly. Any comments or inquiries related to the panel or the process should be directed to the Clerk of Court, at [hr@ksd.uscourts.gov](mailto:hr@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 identities of the applicants and the contents of the panel deliberations must remain strictly confidential.

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

Entered for the court at Wichita, Kansas, October 31, 2022.



Eric F. Melgren  
Chief Judge