

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FULL-TIME UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE POSITION LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Mexico at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases such as initial presentments, detention and bail hearings, preliminary proceedings, receiving reports of grand juries and arraignments; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a District Judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant 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 substitutes 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 District Judges in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The Court will make the appointment following a FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the Court for appointment. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 92 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified at 5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111).

The current annual salary of the position is \$186,852. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms may be obtained from the Intake Counter at all federal courthouse locations in New Mexico, or by calling (575) 528-1439. The application form is also available on the Court's website at www.nmd.uscourts.gov. Applications must be submitted personally or by certified mail (U.S. Postal Service, United Parcel Service, FedEx, or other private carrier), indicating the applicant's willingness to serve if selected, and must be **received by September 30, 2016. Applicants must submit an original and ten copies of the application in an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL"** to Matthew J. Dykman, Clerk of Court, U.S. District Court, 100 N. Church Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Attention: Monique Apodaca.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel and the United States District Court Judges. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.