

Public Notice Concerning

Reappointment of Incumbent United States Magistrate Judge

The current term of office of Part-Time United States Magistrate Judge **Barbara Smith Evans** is due to expire on September 10, 2022. 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 four-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge in this court include the following: (1) conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases, (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases, (3) conducting 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.

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. Comments may be submitted by email to MJMSP@nmcourt.fed.us. Questions or issues may be directed to Monique Apodaca, (575) 528-1439.

Comments must be received by **February 8, 2022**.