

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

IN RE: THE APPOINTMENT OF A
MERIT SELECTION PANEL TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
THE APPOINTMENT OF A UNITED
STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2023-02

Magistrate Cheryl R. Zwart will retire on January 15, 2024. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5) (“the statute”) and the regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States governing such matters (“the regulations”), the district judges of this Court have agreed to create a merit selection panel for the purpose of making recommendations to the Court regarding the appointment of Magistrate Judge Zwart’s successor.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. A merit selection panel is appointed, consisting of the following persons:

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2. Dean Richard E. Moberly is the panel chairperson.
3. The panel will perform the duties and have the powers provided by the statute, the regulations, this order, and such instructions as may be provided by Chief Judge Robert F. Rossiter, Jr. that are not inconsistent with the statute and regulations.
4. All panel members have been advised in writing 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 for the position and the earlier of: 1) the date when the panel on which the former member served submitted its report to the court, or 2) the date when the former member resigned from the panel. *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, Volume 3, Chapter 4, §§ 420.30.10(d) and 420.30.20(d).
5. After the Court has given published notice as required by law, but on or before June 22, 2023, the panel will make a written confidential recommendation to the Court identifying the names of the five persons it has determined to be most qualified.

Dated this 24th day of March 2023.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert F. Rossiter, Jr." in a cursive style.

Robert F. Rossiter, Jr.
Chief United States District Judge