

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. 2024-04

Magistrate Judge Susan M. Bazis was appointed as a United States District Judge on April 10, 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 Bazis’s successor.

IT IS ORDERED:

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

Dean Joshua P. Fershee  
Creighton University School of Law  
Attorney Member

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Stephen S. Gealy  
Baylor, Evnen, Wolfe  
& Tannehill, LLP  
Attorney Member

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Richard L. Herink  
Community Member

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Ruth A. Horvatic  
McGrath North  
Attorney Member

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

Danielle C. Jefferis  
Assistant Professor of Law  
University of Nebraska College  
of Law  
Attorney Member

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

Paul D. Kratz  
Community Member

[REDACTED]  
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Susan T. Lehr  
United States Attorney  
Attorney Member

[REDACTED]  
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Rodrigo Lopez, CMB  
Chairman, AmeriSphere Companies  
Community Member

[REDACTED]  
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Yvonne D. Sosa  
Assistant Federal Public Defender  
Attorney Member

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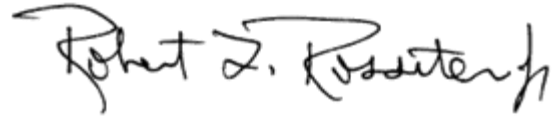
Jennifer Turco Meyer  
Dyer Law  
Attorney Member

[REDACTED]  
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2. Dean Joshua P. Fershee 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 July 15, 2024, 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 16th day of April 2024.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert F. Rossiter, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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