

United States District Court
District of Nebraska
Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse
111 South 18th Plaza, Suite 3141
Omaha, Nebraska 68102-1322

ROBERT F. ROSSITER, JR.
Chief United States District Judge

Phone: (402) 661-7310

October 28, 2024

PRESS RELEASE

United States District Court for the District of Nebraska

Court Announces Formation of Merit Selection Panel for Judge Michael D. Nelson

The current term of United States Magistrate Judge Michael D. Nelson, of the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska, will expire on June 30, 2025. Magistrate Judge Nelson has decided to stand for reappointment to another eight-year term. As required by law, the Court has appointed a merit selection panel to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Nelson. The members of the merit selection panel are:

Dean Joshua P. Fershee, Chairperson	Ruth A. Horvatic
Stephen S. Gealy	Danielle C. Jefferis
Richard L. Herink	Yvonne D. Sosa
Paul D. Kratz	Jennifer Turco Meyer
Susan T. Lehr	Rodrigo Lopez

“The members of this merit selection panel represent outstanding citizens from Nebraska’s legal, academic, and business communities. I am confident they will provide the court with the information it needs to make a decision concerning Judge Nelson’s reappointment,” said Chief United States District Judge Robert F. Rossiter, Jr.

Chief Judge Rossiter also noted, “The process of obtaining feedback from the public concerning a magistrate judge’s performance is vital to the court’s continued effort to provide the highest quality service to lawyers, litigants, and the public.” To that end, the merit selection panel welcomes comments from the bar and the public on Magistrate Judge Nelson’s reappointment. Comments must be received by December 7, 2024, and should be directed to:

Marissa Ortiz
Administrative Specialist
United States District Court for the District of Nebraska
Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse
111 South 18th Plaza, Suite 1152
Omaha, NE 68102-1322
Marissa_Ortiz@ned.uscourts.gov

The public notice and General Order No. 2024-09 appointing the merit selection panel are available on the court's website at

<http://www.ned.uscourts.gov/internetDocs/publicNotices/2024/Public Notice - Nelson Reappointment - Oct 28, 2024.pdf>, and

http://www.ned.uscourts.gov/internetDocs/pom/orders/GO_2024-09.pdf.

For further information, contact:

Chief Judge Robert F. Rossiter, Jr.
United States District Court
District of Nebraska
Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse
111 South 18th Plaza, Suite 3141
Omaha, Nebraska 68102-1322
(402) 661-7310