

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

PART-TIME UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE POSITION GALLUP, NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a part-time United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Mexico at Gallup, 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. 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 (the bar membership requirements may be waived for a part-time magistrate judge if the appointing court and the Judicial Conference of the United States determine that no qualified individual who is a member of the bar is available to serve at a specific location);
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. 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. 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 current annual salary of the position is \$6,716. The term of office is four 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 Internet website at www.nmcourt.fed.us. Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally and must be **received by December 12, 2012. Please submit an original and ten copies of the application in an envelope marked "Confidential"** to Mr. Matthew J. Dykman, Clerk, U.S. District Court, 100 N. Church Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Attention Monique Apodaca-Armendariz.

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.