

Public Notice Concerning

Reappointment of Full-Time United States Magistrate Judge

The current term of office for incumbent full-time United States Magistrate Judge, Lorenzo F. Garcia will expire on November 8, 2008. The United States District Court has established a panel of citizens, as required by law, to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Lorenzo F. Garcia to a new eight year term.

The duties of Magistrate Judge Garcia are defined in 28 U.S.C. § 636(a) and involve the trial of federal petty and minor offenses as per 18 U.S.C. § 3401; imposition of conditions of release under 18 U.S.C. § 3146; conducting arraignments, non-guilty pleas, and felony guilty pleas; upon designation, conducting hearings and submitting to the judges proposed findings of fact and recommendations for dispositive motions or prisoner petitions; trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; and, performing such other duties as conferred or imposed by law or by the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and/or the Rules of the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico.

The public and members of the bar are invited to submit comments as to whether the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Garcia to a new term of office should be considered. All comments will be kept confidential and should be submitted to the personal attention of the undersigned not later than June 30, 2008.

Mr. William B. Keleher, Chairman
United States Magistrate Merit Selection Panel
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