

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE**  
United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States magistrate judge to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Magistrate Judge David E. Jones in the Eastern District of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

The duties of the position include the following: (1) conduct preliminary proceedings in felony criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct various civil pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636. Given this district's use of magistrate judges to handle a wide array of civil matters, broad exposure to substantive legal areas including §1983 civil rights, habeas corpus, and social security, as well as business and IP litigation, will be given strong consideration.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

- (a) 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.
- (b) Have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least 5 years. The court may consider as substitute experience for the active practice of law the following, including any combination thereof:
  - (1) Judge of a state court of record or other state judicial officer.
  - (2) U.S. magistrate judge, bankruptcy judge, or federal judicial officer.
  - (3) Attorney for federal or state agencies.
  - (4) No more than two years as a law clerk to any judge or judicial officer or as a staff attorney or pro se law clerk in a court.
  - (5) Other types of substantial legal experience (subsequent to the receipt of a law degree or license to practice law), not included in (1) through (4) above, which is suitable as a substitute in the opinion of the majority of the court.
- (c) Be competent to perform the duties of the office, of good moral character, emotionally stable and mature, committed to equal justice under the law, in good health, patient, courteous, and capable of deliberation and decisiveness when required to act on his or her own reason and judgment.

- (d) Not be related by blood or marriage to a judge of the appointing court or courts, within the degrees specified in 28 U.S.C. § 458, at the time of the initial appointment.
- (e) Not have attained the age of seventy years.
- (f) The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 92 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified at 5 U.S.C. app. §§101-111).

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applications, conduct interviews, and recommend to the judges of the court the five applicants it considers best qualified for the position. The court will make a final appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the appointee. 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, nation origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$194,028. The term of office is eight years.

The application form for the magistrate judge position is available on the District Court's website at [www.wied.uscourts.gov](http://www.wied.uscourts.gov).

Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally. Please return two hard copies of the completed form to the address below AND email your application in Adobe PDF format (5mb or less) to [dflaherty@gklaw.com](mailto:dflaherty@gklaw.com). Email subject line shall list the applicant's name and "WIED Magistrate Application." The hard copies shall be postmarked or hand delivered by 5:00 p.m. CST on November 12, 2019, to:

Attorney Daniel T. Flaherty  
Chairman, Merit Selection Panel  
Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.  
100 West Lawrence Street  
Appleton, WI 54912

**Note:** Do not submit applications to the District Court. Applications delivered to the District Court will not be forwarded to the Chairman of the Merit Selection Panel.

**Applicants are not to contact committee members; all communication must be in writing submitted to the Committee Chair.**

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by the members of the Merit Selection Panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.