

PUBLIC NOTICE
APPOINTMENT OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
EL PASO, TEXAS

The United States District Court for the Western District of Texas is accepting applications for the position of full-time United States Magistrate Judge at El Paso, Texas. The term of office is eight years and the current annual salary for the position is \$155,756.

The duties of United States Magistrate Judge include: (1) the trial and disposition of misdemeanor criminal cases; (2) the trial of civil cases upon the consent of the litigants; (3) the conduct of most preliminary proceedings in felony criminal cases, and (4) the conduct of pretrial proceedings, including evidentiary hearings, in civil matters referred to the Magistrate Judge by the Judges of the District Court. More information concerning the jurisdiction of Magistrate Judges may be found in 28 U. S. C. § 636.

To be considered for appointment, an applicant must meet the following minimum qualifications:

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, 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 (with some substitutes authorized);
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 the applications submitted and recommend to the Judges of the District Court those applicants it finds to be best qualified for the position. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates. The appointment will be made by the Judges of the District Court following an appropriate and complete investigation.

The application and submission procedures are located on our website at:

<http://www.txwd.uscourts.gov/jobs/default.asp>

Questions may be directed to Ms. Lorre K. Kukla, Director of Human Resources, (210) 249-4034 x505. The application must be received no later than May 30, 2009.