

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA

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Clerk, U.S. Courts
District Of Montana
Missoula Division

In re: Appointment of Kathleen L.
DeSoto as United States Magistrate
Judge for the District of Montana

STANDING ORDER No. DLC-44

Upon notice that United States Magistrate Judge Jeremiah C. Lynch of the Missoula Division will retire effective August 2, 2019, this Court duly initiated the process of selection and appointment of a United States magistrate judge as set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 631 and the regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States promulgated under authority of 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5).

In accordance with those authorities, this Court convened a merit selection panel composed of the following members:

Karl J. Englund, chair (Missoula, Montana)
Hon. Patricia O. Cotter (Helena, Montana)
Dylan McFarland (Missoula, Montana)
Martha Sheehy (Billings, Montana)
John Harrison (Pablo, Montana)
Katy Stack (Missoula, Montana)
Sean Goicoechea (Kalispell, Montana)
Wendy Holton (Helena, Montana)
Jean Keiley (Missoula, Montana)
James R. Scott (Billings, Montana)

The merit selection panel reviewed all applications, conducted interviews, considered all comments received from members of the bar and public, and submitted a list of finalists to the Court. The Court selected Ms. Kathleen L. DeSoto of Missoula, Montana, from among those finalists.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Ms. Kathleen L. DeSoto is appointed as a full-time United States magistrate judge at the salary fixed by the Judicial Conference of the United States with her official duty station designated as Missoula, Montana. Ms. DeSoto shall enter upon the performance of her duties at 12:01 a.m. on August 3, 2019, but prior to the commencement of such duties, she shall take the oath of office prescribed by 28 U.S.C. §§ 453 and 631(g), and 5 U.S.C. § 3331. Upon recitation of the oath, the Court will execute the formal order of appointment (Form AO 79A).

Ms. Kathleen L. DeSoto, upon appointment to the office of United States magistrate judge, is to hold and discharge the duties of her office for a term of eight (8) years from the date of her appointment, subject to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 631(c), unless sooner removed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §631(e).

The clerk of this Court is directed to notify the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the Circuit Executive of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the judicial officers of this Court of the entry of this Order.

DATED this 22nd day of July, 2019.



Dana L. Christensen, Chief Judge
United States District Court