



Public Notice for Reappointment of Incumbent United States Magistrate Judge

The current term of the office of the United States Magistrate Judge John T. Johnston, sitting at Great Falls, Montana, is due to expire on January 5, 2023. As required by law, the United States District Court has established a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of Judge Johnston to a new eight-year term.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging, including (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The authority and functions of a United States magistrate judge are discussed in greater detail in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

This public notice of reappointment is also posted in the Office of the Clerk of Court of the District of Montana at its divisional locations in Billings, Butte, Great Falls, and Missoula. This public notice is posted on the district court's website at www.mtd.uscourts.gov.

Comments from the members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether Judge Johnston should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court may be submitted by email to usmj_comments@mtd.uscourts.gov. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to:

Merit Selection Panel
c/o Tyler P. Gilman
Clerk of Court
United States District Court
P.O. Box 8537
Missoula MT 59807

Comments must be received by May 31, 2022.