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District Of Montana
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA

In re: Appointment of John T.
Johnston as United States Magistrate
Judge for the District of Montana

STANDING ORDER No. DLC-22

Upon notice that the current term of United States Magistrate Judge R. Keith Strong of the Great Falls Division will expire on January 5, 2015, 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:

Stuart L. Kellner, chair (Helena, Montana)
Anthony R. Gallagher, Federal Defender (Great Falls, Montana)
Michael W. Cotter, U.S. Attorney (Helena, Montana)
Martha Sheehy (Billings, Montana)
Kathleen L. DeSoto (Missoula, Montana)
Mark M. Kovacick (Great Falls, Montana)

Maylinn Smith (Missoula, Montana)
Nora Gray (Great Falls, Montana)
Sheila Rice (Great Falls, 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 Mr. Johnston from among those finalists.

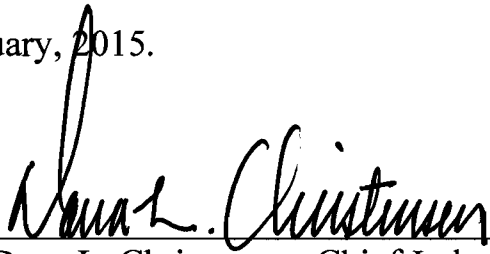
Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Mr. John T. Johnston is appointed as a full-time United States magistrate judge at the salary fixed by the Judicial Conference of the United States with his official duty station designated as Great Falls, Montana. Mr. Johnston shall enter upon the performance of his duties at 12:01 a.m. on January 6, 2015, but prior to the commencement of such duties, he 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).

Mr. John T. Johnston, upon appointment to the office of United States magistrate judge, is to hold and discharge the duties of his office for a term of eight (8) years from the date of his 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 5th day of January, 2015.



Dana L. Christensen, Chief Judge
United States District Court