

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF  
A MERIT SELECTION PANEL TO CONSIDER  
APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE

General Order 2023-28

GENERAL ORDER APPOINTING MERIT SELECTION PANEL

The Court hereby designates and appoints the following named persons, each of whom meets the requisite residential connection to the Northern District of Indiana, as the Chairperson and members of the Merit Selection Panel to consider applicants for the position of United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, given the anticipated vacancy to be created by the nomination of United States Magistrate Judge Joshua P. Kolar as a Circuit Judge to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit:

**Gary T. Bell, Attorney, Chairperson of the Panel**  
**Julia M. Kwait, Attorney**  
**Stephen R. Place, Attorney**  
**Natalie Shrader, Attorney**  
**Carly Brandenburg, Attorney**  
**Richard F. McDevitt, Attorney**  
**Ken Elwood, Attorney**  
**Tammy Lynch, Non-Attorney CPA**  
**Dr. Kenneth Schoon, Non-Attorney Council Member/Retired Professor**

All Panel members have been advised in writing of the restriction set forth in §420.30.20(d)(1) of the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges with respect to the one-year period that must separate such service and consideration for an open magistrate judge position. The Merit Selection Panel shall convene and meet as necessary to review the applicants for the position, to consider their personal characteristics and professional

qualifications, and to conduct such interviews as they deem appropriate (while maintaining the requirement of confidentiality). On or before **December 22, 2023**, the Panel shall submit to the Court their report designating the five applicants whom the Panel finds most qualified to serve the Northern District of Indiana as a United States Magistrate Judge.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 10, 2023

/s/ Holly A. Brady  
Holly A. Brady, Chief Judge

/s/ William C. Lee  
William C. Lee, Judge

/s/ James T. Moody  
James T. Moody, Judge

/s/ Philip P. Simon  
Philip P. Simon, Judge

/s/ Theresa L. Springmann  
Theresa L. Springmann, Judge

/s/ Joseph S. Van Bokkelen  
Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, Judge

/s/ Jon E. DeGuilio  
Jon E. DeGuilio, Judge

/s/ Damon R. Leichty  
Damon R. Leichty, Judge