



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE *from the* CLERK

Seeking Applications: Non-Attorney Merit Selection Panel Member

The United States District Court, Central District of California, is currently accepting applications from non-attorney individuals interested in serving on the Central District's Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel.

This recruitment seeks to replace one Panel member position whose term will expire at the end of this year. The successful applicant will join the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel effective January 1, 2027. Panel members serve a three-year term, which may be renewed for one additional three-year term. The Panel's functions are to: (1) evaluate and recommend to the District Judges the best-qualified applicants for appointment to the position of United States Magistrate Judge; and (2) evaluate and recommend to the District Judges whether an incumbent Magistrate Judge whose term is expiring should be reappointed to a new term of office.

Applicants should meet the following qualifications:

- A general understanding of the federal court system and the role a magistrate judge plays in the Central District of California;
- The ability to think analytically;
- The ability to collaborate effectively in a team environment;
- Strong oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills; and
- Reside within the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court, Central District of California, which includes Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Ventura Counties.

Interested persons should submit the following documents for consideration:

- A cover letter explaining why you wish to serve on the Merit Selection Panel, what you can contribute that makes you a good candidate for appointment, and how you satisfy the qualification standards listed above;

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- A resume or curriculum vitae;
- A statement describing your qualifications for appointment to the Merit Selection Panel; and
- Three references.

Please email these documents to MSP_CACD@cacd.uscourts.gov. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Brian D. Karth
District Court Executive/Clerk of Court
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