

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MERIT
SELECTION PANEL

GENERAL ORDER NO. 26-01

(Supersedes General Order No. 24-09)

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5) and the relevant standards and procedures promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States, the Court must appoint a Merit Selection Panel to assist the Court with the appointment and reappointment of magistrate judges. The Court's current Merit Selection Panel was appointed on October 21, 2013 by General Order No. 13-12 and as modified by General Order Nos. 14-07, 15-02, 16-07, 17-11, 19-04, 19-12, 20-14, 21-12, 22-04, 23-16, and 24-09. To maintain full membership, it is now necessary to renew the term of three existing members and appoint ten new members, including new Co-Chairs.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the terms of existing members Ellisen Turner, Vicki Chou, and Jeffrey Koncius are renewed for another three-year term, through December 31, 2028.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following new members are appointed for a three-year term, through December 31, 2028: Amy Xu, Annie O'Toole, Arnoldo Casillas, David Kim, Jennie VonCannon, Karin Necessary, Mark Neubauer, and

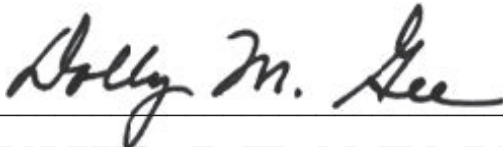
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2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that former Magistrate Judges Paul Abrams and
3 Carla Woehrle are appointed as Co-Chairs and will serve in that capacity for a term
4 determined at the discretion of the Court.

5 The Merit Selection Panel's full membership is set forth in Attachment A to this
6 General Order. Panel members have received written notice of the restrictions set
7 forth in the Guide to Judiciary Policy, Chapter 4, Section 420.30.20(d).

8 This General Order shall become effective *nunc pro tunc* on January 1, 2026.
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10 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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14 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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16 *Date of Approval by the Court:* January 7, 2026
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18 *Date of Filing by the Clerk:* January 7, 2026
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Attachment A to General Order No. 26-01
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA MERIT SELECTION PANEL
Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Name	Date Current Term Expires
Paul Abrams, Co-Chair	Discretion of the Court
Carla Woehrle, Co-Chair	Discretion of the Court
Ellison Turner*	December 31, 2028
Vicki Chou*	December 31, 2028
Jeffrey Koncius*	December 31, 2028
Caroline Djang	December 31, 2026
Mark Finkelstein	December 31, 2026
Miles Freeman	December 31, 2026
Aisha Novasky	December 31, 2026
James Perez	December 31, 2026
Tina Wolfson	December 31, 2026
Amy Xu	December 31, 2028
Annie O'Toole	December 31, 2028
Arnoldo Casillas	December 31, 2028
David Kim	December 31, 2028
Jennie VonCannon	December 31, 2028
Karin Necessary	December 31, 2028
Mark Neubauer	December 31, 2028

Sascha Henry	December 31, 2028
Sandra Talcott (non-attorney)*	December 31, 2026
Rachel Ingram (non-attorney)*	December 31, 2027

*Not eligible for reappointment at expiration of term shown above.