

PUBLIC NOTICE
APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a part-time United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Arizona at Yuma, Arizona.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and will include:

- (1) Conduct most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- (2) Trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
- (3) Conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court;
- (4) Trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

The basic jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636. To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least 5 years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the district court in confidence the five persons whom it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and IRS tax check of the appointee. The current annual salary of the position is \$65,380.00. The term of office is four years. Application forms and further information on the magistrate judge position may be obtained from:

RICHARD H. WEARE
DISTRICT COURT EXECUTIVE/CLERK OF COURT
U.S. District Court
Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Courthouse
401 W. Washington, SPC#1
Phoenix, AZ 85003

The application form is also available on our website at www.azd.uscourts.gov.

Applications must be received by the Clerk's Office **no later than January 30, 2009**. All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.