



— PUBLIC NOTICE —

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of two (2) full-time United States Magistrate Judges for the District of Arizona at Tucson, Arizona. These positions are created by the retirements of United States Magistrate Judge Bruce G. Macdonald and Judge Jacqueline Rateau on May 31, 2026, and August 6, 2026, respectively.

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

- (1) Conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- (2) Trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
- (3) Conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and
- (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). (State Bar of Arizona membership preferred);
- (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 applicants and recommend to the district judges in confidence the six persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 90 Stat. 1824 (1978)(codified at 5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111) as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability.

The current annual salary of the position is \$227,608.00. The term of office is eight (8) years.

Application forms and further information on the magistrate judge position may be obtained from the court's website at www.azd.uscourts.gov, or by contacting:

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Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Courthouse
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Applications must be received by the Clerk's Office **no later than September 30, 2025**. 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.
