

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN THE MATTER OF THE SELECTION AND  
APPOINTMENT OF A NEW UNITED STATES  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN  
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK IN BUFFALO

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**ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Judicial Conference of the United States through the Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System has approved the filling of the vacancy in Buffalo, New York, to be created upon the retirement of United States Magistrate Judge Jeremiah J. McCarthy, effective February 28, 2027; and

WHEREAS, all individuals set forth below have been advised in writing of the restriction set forth in § 420.30.20(d) 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;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that a Merit Selection Panel be appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631 and the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States to review the applications for this position after public notice and identify five members of the bar who are best qualified for appointment to this position, for consideration by the district judges of the Court; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Panel will consist of the following individuals:

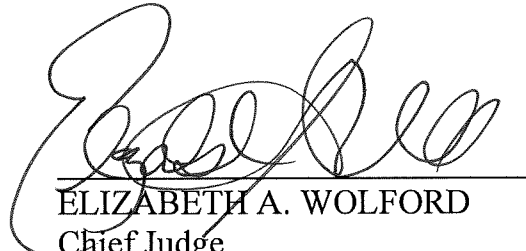
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The Panel's appointment will be effective when this Order is filed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 29, 2026  
Rochester, New York



ELIZABETH A. WOLFORD  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court