

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK--ROCHESTER**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States magistrate judge for the Western District of New York with a duty station at the Kenneth B. Keating Federal Building in Rochester. The essential function of the Court is to dispense justice.

A magistrate judge's duties are demanding and wide-ranging, such as: (1) conducting preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) managing trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conducting pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on referral from a district judge; and (4) trying civil cases upon consent of the litigants. A United States magistrate judge's authority is set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for magistrate judge appointment, an applicant must 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 at least five years (with some substitutes authorized pursuant to the Guide to Judiciary Policy).

Additionally, the applicant must be able to perform the requisite job duties, committed to providing equal justice under the law, and capable of deliberation and decisiveness. He or she must be less than 70 years old and in good health, and demonstrate good moral character, emotional stability, maturity, patience, and courtesy to others. The applicant cannot be related to a judge of the Western District of New York.

A Merit Selection Panel of attorneys and other community members will review all applicants and confidentially recommend to the district judges five individuals it considers best qualified for the position. The Court will appoint an individual after he or she passes an FBI full-field investigation and IRS tax check. The selected individual must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 92 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified at 5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111) as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

The Panel and the Court will duly consider all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age, gender, religion, national origin, or disability status. When the court system reflects the community's racial, ethnic, and gender diversity, it heightens the community's belief that that the Court dispenses justice. The Western District of New York is committed to the creation and maintenance of diversity in our court system.

The magistrate judgeship has a current annual salary of \$223,836 and an eight-year term of office. The fillable application form and more information about the magistrate judge position is available on the Court's website ([www.nywd.uscourts.gov](http://www.nywd.uscourts.gov)) or by contacting Mary Loewenguth, Clerk of Court, Kenneth B. Keating Federal Building, 100 State Street, Rochester, New York 14614. **Applications must be submitted by a single PDF document to [magistrate\\_applications@nywd.uscourts.gov](mailto:magistrate_applications@nywd.uscourts.gov) by Thursday, June 6, 2024.**

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and only the Panel and district judges will review them. The Panel's deliberations will not be disclosed.