

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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MERIT SELECTION PANEL FOR )  
THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A ) GENERAL ORDER NO. 22-04  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE )  
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS )

ORDER

Under 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5) and the policies of the Judicial Conference of the United States, a merit selection panel is established to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Eric I. Long in Urbana, Illinois. The panel is effective July 28, 2022, and is comprised of:

John Thies (chair)  
Keith Fruehling (lawyer)  
Lorna Geiler (lawyer)  
Baku Patel (lawyer)  
Thomas Pliura (lawyer)  
Justin Kirby (community member)  
Amy Randolph (community member)

The panel must review Magistrate Judge Long's service, comments received in response to the public notice of reappointment, and other evidence of his good character, ability, and commitment to equal justice under the law. No later than October 26, 2022, the panel must recommend to the district judges whether to reappoint Magistrate Judge Long for another term. In a letter dated July 28, 2022, panel members were advised of the Judicial Conference's restriction on their ability to apply for a future magistrate judge position for one year from the date the panel submits its report to the Court or the date when the member resigns from the panel. Guide to Judiciary Policy § 420.30.20(d).

The Clerk of Court must publish the notice of reappointment and must assist the panel as needed.

Entered for the Court: July 28, 2022



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SARA DARROW  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE