



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
District of Rhode Island

**NOTICE FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE LINCOLN
D. ALMOND AND MAGISTRATE JUDGE PATRICIA A. SULLIVAN**

The current terms of United States Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond and United States Magistrate Judge Patricia A. Sullivan are due to expire on September 9, 2020, and September 30, 2020, respectively.

As required by law, the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island has established a Merit Selection Panel to consider the reappointment of United States Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond and United States Magistrate Judge Patricia A. Sullivan to an eight (8) year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge, specified in [28 U.S.C. § 636](#), include but are not limited to:

1. conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
2. trying misdemeanor cases;
3. conducting pre-trial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge;
4. conduct settlement conferences and
5. trying civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public may be submitted as to whether the incumbent magistrate judges should be recommended by the Panel for reappointment by the Court no later than February 6, 2020, and should be submitted by e-mail to Merit_Panel@rid.uscourts.gov, or to the following address:

Hanorah Tyer-Witek, Clerk of Court
Attn: Merit Selection Panel
U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island
One Exchange Terrace
Providence, RI 02903

The names of those who comment will not be disclosed to anyone other than the Panel.

January 6, 2020

Hanorah Tyer-Witek
Clerk of Court