



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
*District of Rhode Island*

**NOTICE REGARDING VACANCY FOR  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Rhode Island, serving in Providence, Rhode Island, commencing upon the retirement of Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond in May 2025.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging, including, but not limited to: (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 authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636. A summary of [Magistrate Judge duties](#) are maintained on [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov). The term of office is eight years; incumbents may be reappointed to successive terms.

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);
- (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 70 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 all applicants and recommend to the district judges in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. A list of the members of the panel constituted by the Court is set forth in the attached Order.

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, 92 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, gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$223,836.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position in this Court may be obtained from the court's website at:

[U.S. Magistrate Judge Vacancy Information](#)

Please e-mail your application materials to: [HR@rid.uscourts.gov](mailto:HR@rid.uscourts.gov). Please include "Application for U.S. Magistrate Judge from NAME" in the subject line of your email. All documents should be in Adobe PDF format and **must be received no later than October 21, 2024**, to be considered.

No applicant may discuss their application with the judges of the court or members of the merit selection panel. 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 and staff of the Court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

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