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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT  
OF OHIO-COLUMBUS

In Re:

APPOINTMENT OF MERIT  
SELECTION PANEL FOR THE  
SELECTION OF UNITED STATES  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE AT  
COLUMBUS

GENERAL ORDER 25-03

Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5), a Merit Selection Panel is hereby appointed for the purpose of assisting this Court in filling the position of United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division at Columbus.

Such Panel shall be composed of the following persons:

David Butler, Esq. Chair  
Stacey MacDonald, Esq.  
Janay Stevens, Esq.  
Yaz Ashwari, Esq.  
Patricia Harris

Sandra Lopez  
Michael Rake, Esq.  
Brent Tabacchi, Esq.  
Paul Lauffman, Esq.  
Erin Cunniff Childs, Esq.

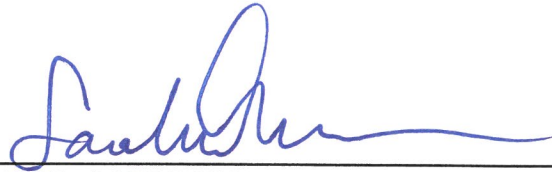
The Panel shall review all applications for the above-mentioned position and may conduct such interviews as the Panel deems advisable. The Panel is directed to transmit to the Chief Judge of this Court, on or before September 19, 2025, a list of five (5) of the most qualified applicants for the Court's review.

The Panel has received written notification that former merit selection panel members serving on either panels for appointments or for reappointments may not apply for a magistrate

judge position within one year of serving on a merit selection panel without a waiver from the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of Magistrate Judges System (Magistrate Judges Committee).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED:** 6-20-25



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**SARAH D. MORRISON, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**