

NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The United States District Court, District of Hawaii, is accepting applications for a full-time United States magistrate judge.

DUTIES of a magistrate judge include: (1) conduct of civil pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings; (2) trial and disposition of civil cases with consent of the parties; (3) conduct of preliminary criminal proceedings; (4) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; and other matters authorized in 28 U.S.C. section 636.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five (5) 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 (5) years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Competent to perform all the duties of a magistrate judge; of good moral character; committed to equal justice under the law; patient, courteous and capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Less than seventy (70) years old; and
- (4) Not related to a judge of the district court.

APPLICATIONS:

Application forms are available on the website of the United States District Court, District of Hawaii, at www.hid.uscourts.gov. Applications must be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN September 15, 2015, and mailed to:

Bert S. Sakuda, Chair
Magistrate Judge Selection Panel
841 Bishop St #600
Honolulu HI 96813

A merit selection panel will review all applications and submit a list of the five (5) individuals it considers best qualified to the district judges. The panel may request additional information from applicants.

The court will make its appointment after an FBI full-field check and an IRS tax check of the person selected by the court. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin or disability. The current annual salary is \$185,012. The term of office is eight years with the potential for renewal.

Applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and will be examined only by members of the selection panel and the judges of the district court. Selection panel deliberations will remain confidential.

**APPLICATION FOR
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Please answer all questions. If a question is not applicable, indicate this by marking "N/A." Mail completed application, postmarked no later than September 15, 2015, to:

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GENERAL

1. Full name: _____
2. All other names by which you have been known:

3. Office address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
4. Residential address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
5. Email: _____ Telephone: _____
6. Place of birth: _____
Date of birth: _____
7. If you are a naturalized citizen, state the date and place of naturalization.

8. Military service:
Branch _____ Dates _____
Rank of Rate at Discharge _____ Type of Discharge _____
If still a reserve or national guard member, give service, branch, unit, and present rank.

9. Are you related by blood or marriage to any judges of this court? Yes No.

If yes, give name(s) and relationship.

HEALTH

10. What is the present state of your health?
11. Do you have any mental or physical impairment that would affect your ability to perform the duties of a magistrate judge with or without reasonable accommodation? If so, please describe:

EDUCATION

12. Colleges and universities attended, dates, and degrees:
13. Continuing legal education courses completed within the last 5 years:

HONORS

14. Were you a member of law review? Yes No. If yes, describe role:
15. If you have published any legal books or articles, list them, giving citations and dates.
16. List any honors, prizes, or awards you have received.

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS

17. List all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admission requirements in which you are presently admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission in each case:

Court or Administrative Body

Date of Admission

LAW PRACTICE

18. State the names, addresses, and dates of employment for all law firms with which you have been associated in practice, all government agencies, and all private business organizations in which you have been employed. Also provide all dates during which you have practiced as a sole practitioner.

Organization	Address	Position	Dates
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19. Describe the general nature of your current practice including any legal specialties and character of your typical clients; also, if your practice is substantially different now than previously, give details of prior practice.

20. a) Do you appear regularly in court? Yes No.

b) What percentages of your appearances in the last five years were in:

1. Federal courts _____ %

2. State or local courts _____ %

3. Administrative bodies _____ %

4. Other:
_____ %

_____ %

21. During the past five years, what percentage of your practice has been litigation? _____ %

22. How frequently have you appeared in court? _____ times per month.

23. How frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings? _____ times per month.

24. How frequently have you appeared in mediation / arbitration proceedings? _____ times per month.

24. What percentage of your practice involving litigation has been:

Civil _____ %

Criminal _____ %

Other:
_____ %

_____ %

25. State the number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during the past ten years, indicating whether you were sole, associate, or lead counsel. Give citations of any reported cases.

26. Summarize your courtroom experience for the past ten years.

27. State the names and addresses of adversary counsel against whom you have litigated cases over the last five years.

PUBLIC OFFICE

28. Have you ever run for, or held, public office? Yes No. If yes, give details.

PRIOR JUDICIAL / ADR EXPERIENCE

29. a) If you have held judicial office, state the names and addresses of counsel who have appeared before you who would be knowledgeable of your work, temperament, and abilities.

b) Prior quasi-judicial service:

Name of agency _____

Position held _____

Hearings on what types of issues _____

Number of cases adjudicated _____

Dates of service _____

c) If you have served as a mediator / arbitrator, describe the nature and extent of your experience; and state the names and addresses of persons who would be knowledgeable of your work, temperament, and abilities as a mediator / arbitrator.

BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT

30. a) If you are now an officer, director, or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise, state the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, the nature of your duties, and whether you intend to resign such position immediately upon your appointment to judicial office.

b) Since being admitted to the Bar, have you ever engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law?

Yes No. If yes, give the details, including dates.

c) During the past five years have you received any fees or compensation of any kind, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization or association of any kind?

Yes No. If yes, identify the source of such compensation, the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization or association involved, and the dates such compensation was paid.

31. a) Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance?

Yes No. If yes, give details. (Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$200 or less was imposed unless it also included a jail sentence.)

b) Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal law?

Yes No. If yes, give particulars.

32. a) Have you ever been sued by a client? Yes No. If yes, give particulars.
- b) Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice?
 Yes No. If yes, give particulars, including the amounts involved.
33. Have you ever been charged in any civil or criminal proceedings with conduct alleged to involve moral turpitude, dishonesty, or unethical conduct?
 Yes No. If yes, give particulars.
34. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, office of disciplinary counsel or other professional group?
 Yes No. If yes, give particulars.
35. Have you filed appropriate tax returns as required by federal, state, local, and other government authorities?
 Yes No. If no, explain.
36. Have any liens or claims ever been instituted against you by the federal, state or local authorities?
 Yes No. If yes, explain.

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES
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37. a) List all bar associations and legal professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any office you have held in such groups, and committees to which you belonged.
- b) List all organizations and clubs, other than bar associations and professional societies identified in response to Question No. 37.a), of which you have been member during the past ten years, including the titles and dates of any offices you have held in each such organization.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

38. State any achievements or actions you have accomplished, demonstrating your commitment to equal justice under the law.

39. State any additional education or other experiences you believe would assist you in holding judicial office.

40. State any other pertinent information reflecting positively or adversely on you that you believe should be considered by or disclosed to the district court and the selection panel in connection with your possible selection as United States magistrate judge.

41. a) List three individuals as references who are familiar with your legal abilities.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Relationship _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Relationship _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Relationship _____

b) List three opposing counsel in your most significant or representative cases, if not listed in number 27.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

c) List three or more federal or state judges, including magistrate judges, who you have appeared before in substantive proceedings, such as trials, contested hearings or settlement conferences, during the past five years.

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

This form will be kept confidential and will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The individuals whom you have listed above may be contacted by the panel, but no other employers, colleagues, or other individuals will be contacted without your prior approval.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____