

PUBLIC NOTICE

MAGISTRATE JUDGE ANTICIPATED VACANCY U.S. DISTRICT COURT District of Hawaii

Applications are being received for an anticipated vacancy for

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE (FULL-TIME)

for the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii.

The judges of the District Court have authorized the magistrate judges of the District to perform the full range of duties provided for magistrate judges under the applicable statute. The magistrate judges handle pretrial case management and motions on cases assigned to the district judges. The Court encourages civil litigants to consent to the jurisdiction of magistrate judges for all purposes up to and including bench or jury trial, with appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Court also sponsors a comprehensive program of judicially hosted settlement conferences and other forms of alternative dispute resolution in which the magistrate judges play a critical role. With respect to criminal cases, the magistrate judges exercise complete jurisdiction over petty offense and misdemeanor cases and handle preliminary proceedings in felony cases.

The current annual salary of the position is \$160,080 and is set at the rate of 92% of the salary of a district court judge. The term of office is eight years, subject to reappointment for continuing eight-year terms thereafter. The judicial retirement system provides for vesting of a partial annuity after eight years, and, after 14 years of service, a magistrate judge is entitled to an annuity equal to the salary of the office, payable at age 65. The other benefits of federal employment apply.

The magistrate judge will be stationed in Honolulu.

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 five 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 applications and recommend to the judges of the district court in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the appointee. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups.

[Application forms](http://www.hid.uscourts.gov) and more information on the magistrate judge position in this court may be obtained: 1) on the court's website at www.hid.uscourts.gov and 2) by mail by sending a request to Sue Beitia, Clerk, U.S. District Court, 300 Ala Moana Blvd. C-338, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850 with a self-addressed 9" x 12" envelope, affixed with \$1.39 postage. Applications must be signed personally by the applicant and **must be received by August 9, 2010**.

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 of the District Court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

Completed applications should be addressed to:

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Honolulu, HI 96850