UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

IN RE:

MERIT SELECTION PANEL

ORDER APPOINTING PANEL TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington is undertaking the process of appointing a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Washington to be stationed in Tacoma for an eight-year term.

This position is being created by the departure of the Honorable J. Kelley Arnold. Accordingly, the Court appoints the panel of persons listed below, pursuant to the Federal Magistrates Act, as amended, and the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment of United States Magistrate Judges.

Lawyers:

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Retired Pierce County Superior Court Judge

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Lay members:

Joann Bamford

Jim Walton

The panel review all applications of potential nominees and recommend to the Judges of the District Court the five persons whom it considers best qualified for the vacant position.

The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to each District Judge and Magistrate Judge and to each panel member.

Dated this 16th day of October, 2008.

ROBERT S. LASNIK
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE