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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
4 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
5 AT SEATTLE

6 IN RE: )  
7 MERIT SELECTION PANEL, ) ORDER APPOINTING PANEL TO  
8 MAGISTRATE JUDGE TO SERVE ) CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF  
9 IN BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON ) MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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11 The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington is undertaking the  
12 process of appointing a part-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Washington  
13 to be stationed at Bellingham for a four-year term.

14 This position is being created by the resignation, effective March 31, 2005, of the Honorable Ira  
15 J. Uhrig, who now serves as a Superior Court Judge for Whatcom County. Accordingly, the Court  
16 appoints the panel of persons listed below, pursuant to the Federal Magistrates Act, as amended, and the  
17 Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for  
18 the Appointment of United States Magistrate Judges.

19 Hon. John L. Weinberg, Chair  
20 United States Magistrate Judge (recalled)  
United States Courthouse  
700 Stewart Street  
Seattle WA 98101  
(206) 370-8910

21 Mary King  
22 (Non-lawyer member of Panel)  
Bellingham Washington

23 David S. McEachran  
24 Prosecuting Attorney for Whatcom County  
Bellingham, WA

25 Tom Hillier  
26 Federal Public Defender  
Seattle, WA

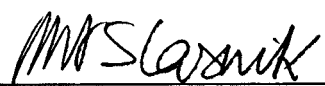
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Mark Bartlett  
First Assistant United States Attorney  
Seattle, WA

The panel shall review all applications of potential nominees and recommend to the Judges of the District Court the persons whom it considers best qualified for the position. The panel is authorized to determine the size of the list submitted to the court.

The appointment of the panel is effective immediately. The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to each District Judge and Magistrate Judge and to each panel member.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2005

  
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ROBERT S. LASNIK  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE