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MERIT SELECTION PANEL

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

ORDER APPOINTING PANEL TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE

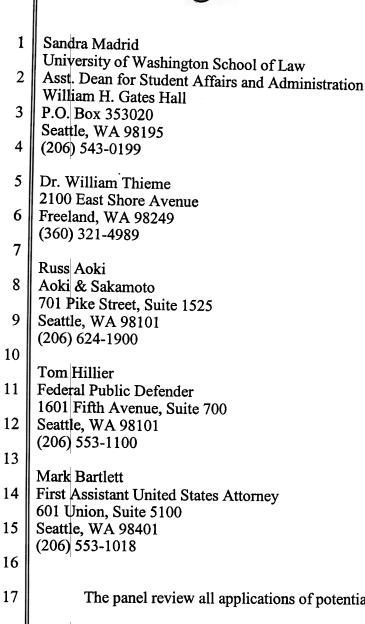
The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington is undertaking the process of appointing a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Washington to be stationed in Seattle for an eight-year term.

This position is being created by the appointment of the Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez to the position of United States District Judge in June 2004. 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.

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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 9th day of August, 2004.

Chief U.S. District Judge, John C. Coughenour