

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**REGARDING REAPPOINTMENT OF**  
**INCUMBENT**  
**FULL-TIME UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**  
**DAVID W. CHRISTEL**

**IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA**

August 15, 2022

The current eight-year term of office of full-time United States Magistrate Judge David W. Christel at Tacoma, Washington is due to expire March 31, 2023. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a merit selection panel to review Magistrate Judge Christel's performance and consider his reappointment to a new eight-year term.

The duties of the magistrate judge position include the following:

- (1) the trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of litigants;
- (2) conduct preliminary proceedings in felony cases;
- (3) trial and disposition at the Federal Courthouse in Tacoma of petty and misdemeanor cases arising from outlying government facilities;
- (4) trial and disposition of other federal misdemeanor cases;
- (5) assisting district judges in disposition of prisoner petitions and Social Security appeals;
- (6) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on reference from the judges of the District Court;
- (7) conducting settlement conferences.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent Magistrate Judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to:

Ravi Subramanian  
District Court Executive/Clerk of Court  
United States Courthouse  
700 Stewart Street, Suite 2310  
Seattle, Washington 98101  
Attention – Reappointment of Magistrate Judge David W. Christel

Or via e-mail to:  
[magistratejudgeapplication@wawd.uscourts.gov](mailto:magistratejudgeapplication@wawd.uscourts.gov)

Comments must be received by September 30, 2022.