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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

8 In Re:

9 MERIT SELECTION PANEL

10 ORDER APPOINTING PANEL TO
11 CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF
12 MAGISTRATE JUDGE

13 The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington is undertaking
14 the process of appointing a new full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Western
15 District of Washington to be stationed in Tacoma for an eight-year term. Accordingly, the
16 Court appoints the panel of persons listed below, pursuant to the Federal Magistrates Act, as
17 amended, and the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing
18 Standards and Procedures for the Appointment of United States Magistrate Judges:
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20 Jennifer Wellman – Chair
21 Seattle, WA

22 **Lawyers:**

23 Nick Brown (or designee), United States Attorney
24 Seattle, WA

25 Colin Fieman (or designee), Federal Public Defender
26 Seattle, WA

27 Robert Flennaugh
28 Seattle, WA

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2 Sean Downs
3 Vancouver, WA

4 Tracy Morris
5 Seattle, WA

6 Thomas Vertetis
7 Tacoma, WA

8 **Lay Members:**

9 Carrie Willenbring
10 Spanaway, WA

11 Connie Smith
12 Seattle, WA

13 The panel shall report the top five candidates for the court to interview.

14 All panel members have been advised in writing of the restriction set forth in
15 §420.30.20(d) of the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing
16 Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate
17 Judges.

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19 The Clerk shall direct copies of this order to each panel member.

20 DATED this 15th day of August, 2022.

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23 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
24 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE