

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT AND BANKRUPTCY COURTS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO**

**IN RE: MERIT SELECTION PANEL TO
SELECT NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

GENERAL ORDER NO. 404

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631 *et seq.*, the District Court shall appoint magistrate judges as the Judicial Conference may determine. On June 1, 2021, the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit notified the District that they approved the request to fill the magistrate judge vacancy to be created by the retirement of Chief Magistrate Judge Candy W. Dale on March 31, 2022. On June 4, 2021, the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Administration of the Magistrate Judges System also approved the request.

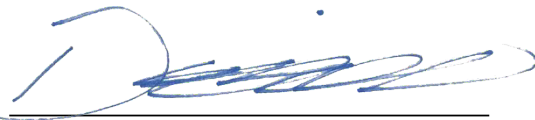
The Court is required to employ a Merit Selection Panel to assist it in the selection of a new magistrate judge. Therefore, the following persons are appointed, by unanimous vote of the active district judges of the U.S. District Court of Idaho as the Merit Selection Panel:

Mikel Williams, Chair	Retired United States Magistrate Judge
Mike Mooney, lay member	President, Idaho Region; Bank of the Cascades
Phil Reberger, lay member	Partner, Sullivan & Reberger
Peter Erbland, attorney	Lake City Law Group, PLLC
Amy Rubin, attorney	Federal Defender Services of Eastern Washington and Idaho
Justin Whatcott, attorney	United States Attorney's Office

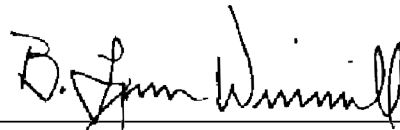
Gary Cooper, attorney	Cooper & Larsen, Chartered
Mark Echo Hawk, attorney	Echo Hawk & Olsen, PLLC
Alyson Foster, attorney	Dempsey Foster PLLC
Nancy Baskin, Judge	Ada County District Court
Kira Dale, Judge	Ada County Magistrate Court

The panel members shall review applications and conduct interviews and make other necessary inquiries until they are satisfied with five candidates, they can recommend to the Court for consideration for a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the position available. The panel shall commence on October 6, 2021, and report to the Court their recommendations no later than January 6, 2022. IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED THIS 6th day of October 2021.



DAVID C. NYE, CHIEF JUDGE
United States District Court



B. LYNN WINMILL, JUDGE
United States District Court