

PUBLIC NOTICE

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PANAMA CITY DIVISION**

REAPPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The current term of office for United States Magistrate Judge Michael J. Frank in Panama City, Florida, is due to expire on September 16, 2026. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider reappointment of the incumbent magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

The duties of a United States Magistrate Judge are demanding, wide-ranging, and include pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from judges of the district court; discovery and settlement matters in civil cases; pretrial motions, trials, and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; civil rights cases filed by prisoners, non-prisoner pro se civil cases, and social security cases; preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases (CVB); other duties such as handling criminal complaints and arrest warrants, search warrants, initial appearances, and grand jury matters; and naturalization ceremonies. The basic jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

Members of the bar and public are invited to provide comments as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the Court. Comments should be directed to Clerk of Court, Jessica J. Lyublanovits, at the address listed below.

Jessica J. Lyublanovits, Clerk of Court
Attn: Reappointment of Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
Northern District of Florida
One North Palafox Street
Pensacola, Florida 32502

Comments must be received by May 14, 2026.

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