

February 5, 2009

**PUBLIC NOTICE
APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, NY**

The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York is accepting applications for the position of full-time Magistrate Judge at New York City, NY. The duties of the position are demanding and wide ranging and will include: (1) conduct of preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; and (5) assignment of additional duties not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States.

The basic jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C., Section 636. To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must: (a) be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands for at least five years; (b) have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutions authorized); (c) be competent to perform all the duties of the office, of good moral character, emotionally stable and mature, committed to equal justice under the law, in good health, patient and courteous, and capable of deliberation and decisiveness; (d) be less than 70 years old; and (e) not be related to a judge of the district court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applications and recommend in confidence to the judges of the district court the five persons whom it considers best qualified. The Court will make the appointment following an FBI and IRS investigation of the appointee. The Court is interested in a diverse applicant pool and encourages all qualified candidates to submit their applications, including women and members of minority groups. The current salary of the position is \$155,756 per annum.

Candidates should submit applications to:

Clifford P. Kirsch
District Court Executive
U.S. Courthouse, Room 820
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007-1312
Tel: 212-805-0500

An original plus fourteen (14) copies of a cover letter, resume and application must be received by March 20, 2009. Application forms are available on the Court's web site: www.nysd.uscourts.gov.