

**NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF REAPPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
AND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The current term of the office of United States Magistrate Judge Teresa J. James of Kansas City, Kansas, is due to expire on January 15, 2022. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge position include the following: (1) conduct of most 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; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether Judge James should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the Court and may be directed to Timothy M. O'Brien, Clerk of Court, United States District Court, 259 Robert J. Dole U.S. Courthouse, 500 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101 or [hr@ksd.uscourts.gov](mailto:hr@ksd.uscourts.gov) or individual panel members. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., June 30, 2021. The panel shall keep comments and deliberations strictly confidential to the maximum extent possible. Interested persons may also contact the clerk of court for additional information or materials.

The Court appointed the following merit selection panel to appraise Judge James's suitability for reappointment and make a recommendation on such to the Court:

Mary Lynch Matthews	(Chair, lawyer)	Michelle L. Jacobs	(lawyer)
Mitch Biebighauser	(lawyer)	John W. Johnson	(lawyer)
Fred J. Logan, Jr.	(lawyer)	Cindy Rogers	(non-lawyer)
Edward L. Robinson	(lawyer)	Irene Caudillo	(non-lawyer)