## PUBLIC NOTICE APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII AT KWAJALEIN MISSILE RANGE

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a part-time United States magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii at Kwajalein Missile Range.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging, and include: (I) the conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) the trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) the conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) the trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. Section 636. To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutes authorized), or have a degree from a college or university of recognized standing, with a minimum of five years of progressively responsible administrative experience in public service or business;
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old;
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court; and
- (5) Reside on Kwajalein.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the district court in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants, including women and members of minority groups. The current annual salary of the position is \$3,919. The term of office is four years. More information on the magistrate judge position may be obtained from the Clerk of the U.S. District Court or the Chairperson of the Selection Panel.

Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally and must be received no later than September 19, 2008 and should be addressed to:

MERIT SELECTION PANEL FOR KWAJALEIN MAGISTRATE
U.S. DISTRICT COURT
300 ALA MOANA BLVD., RM. C-338
HONOLULU, HI 96850

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

By Order of the Court. Sue Beitia, Clerk