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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
CLEVELAND

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2008 - 04**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

IN RE: )  
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 ) ORDER NO. 2008- 04  
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 ) APPOINTMENT OF MERIT SELECTION )  
 ) PANEL TO ASSIST IN THE SELECTION )  
 ) OF A NEW REPLACEMENT UNITED STATES )  
 ) MAGISTRATE JUDGE EASTERN DIVISION, )  
 ) AT AKRON )

Pursuant to the Federal Magistrates Act, 28 U.S.C. § 636, et seq., and resolutions of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the following individuals are appointed to constitute a Merit Selection Panel:

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No person may be considered as a nominee for a magistrate judge position while serving as a member of the panel, or for a period of one year after completion of such service.

This panel shall assist this Court in the selection of a new full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern Division.

Upon the gathering of sufficient written information and the conducting of needed interviews, the members of the panel should collectively determine which individuals among the applicants meet all the standards and appear qualified for appointment as United States magistrate judge. Thereafter, the members of the panel should submit a report and recommendation to the Court designating five (5) individuals whom it deems qualified among the applicants to serve as United States magistrate judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED

FOR THE COURT



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James G. Carr  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court