

APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

The United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin seeks applicants for the position of magistrate judge, to replace magistrate judge Stephen L. Crocker, who will retire effective April 30, 2024.

The core duties of the position are to conduct pretrial proceedings and decide non-dispositive motions in both civil and criminal cases, to serve as presiding judge in a share of civil cases (subject to the parties' consent), and to participate in the leadership of the court. The specific duties of the magistrate judge will be determined by the district judges of the court, considering the needs of the court and the interests and abilities of the new magistrate judge.

Qualified applicants must have been engaged in the active practice of law for at least five years, and be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of their state. Applicants must be under 70 years old, and cannot be related to a judge of the district court. Well qualified applicants will be knowledgeable and experienced in litigation; hard-working; decisive; even-tempered; and firmly committed to providing equal justice under the law. The district is an equal opportunity employer; women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

A merit selection panel of attorneys and non-lawyer community members will review applications and recommend to the district judges the five persons considered best qualified. The court will appoint the new magistrate judge from among these candidates, subject to an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the selected applicant. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements in the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

The current annual salary of the position is \$213,992. The term of office is eight years, subject to reappointment with approval of the district judges of the court.

Applications will be confidential and 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. However, candidates who reach final consideration will be asked to consent to the disclosure of their applications so the court may contact colleagues and other references.

The application form and application instructions are available on the court's website at <https://www.wiwd.uscourts.gov/employment>. **Completed applications must be received by July 31, 2023.** For questions about the magistrate judge position in this court, contact the clerk of court at (608) 264-5156.