IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: MERIT SELECTION PANEL REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FULL-TIME UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE STANDING ORDER NO. 2024-09

STANDING ORDER

AND NOW, this 21st day of November 2024, in accordance with the guidelines established by the Judicial Conference of the United States regarding the appointment of United States Magistrate Judges, a merit selection panel is hereby established to make a recommendation to the Court on the appointment of a full-time Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The Judges of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania have unanimously endorsed the following persons to serve on the Merit Selection Panel:¹

Melinda C. Ghilardi, Esquire -- Chairman Harry T. Coleman, Esquire Alexia Kita Blake, Esquire James C. Oschal, Esquire Philip Gelso, Esquire Mary Ann Savakinas Drew Simpson

The Panel shall make a final report to this Court by December 20, 2024.

BY THE COURT:

Matthew W. Brann

Chief United States District Judge

In order for a merit selection panel member to be considered for a magistrate judge position, one year must have elapsed between the application deadline for the position and the earlier of: (A) The date when the panel on which the former member served submitted its report to the court, or (B) The date when the former member resigned from the panel.