

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. 2025-02

**STANDING ORDER**

AND NOW, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, 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 Williamsport, 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:<sup>1</sup>

Brian J. Bluth, Esquire -- Chairman  
Robert A. Hoffa, Esquire  
Helen A. Stolin, Esquire  
David S. Gaines, Esquire  
Robert B. Elion, Esquire  
Gerald A. Kriner  
Kerry M. Richmond, PhD

The Panel shall make a final report to this Court by April 7, 2025.

BY THE COURT:



Matthew W. Brann

Chief United States District Judge

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<sup>1</sup> 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.