

# APPLICATION FORM

## UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

(Please type or print legibly. If a question is not applicable, indicate this by marking "N/A.")

### GENERAL

1. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. All other names by which you have been known: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Length of Residence in State: \_\_\_\_\_

7. If you are a naturalized citizen, please state the date and place of naturalization:

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8. Military Service:

Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

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Rank or Rate at Discharge

Type of Discharge

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If still a reserve or national guard member, please give service, branch, unit and present rank.

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9. Are you related by blood or marriage to any judges of this Court? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give names and relationships:

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**HEALTH**

10. What is your present state of health? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. a) Have you in the last ten years (i) been hospitalized due to injury or serious mental or physical illness or drug or alcohol addiction, or (ii) been prevented from working or otherwise incapacitated for a period in excess of ten days due to injury or illness, drug or alcohol addition? If so, give the particulars, including the causes, the dates, the places of confinement, and the present status of the conditions which caused the confinement or incapacitation. \_\_\_\_\_

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b) Do you have any visual or hearing impairment or other mental or physical impairment that would affect your ability to perform the duties assigned to a magistrate judge? If so, please describe the impairment and how your impairment could be accommodated to allow you to perform the duties of a magistrate judge. \_\_\_\_\_

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**EDUCATION**

12. Colleges and universities attended, dates and degrees:

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13. Continuing legal education courses completed within last ten years:

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**HONORS**

14. Were you a member of the law review ? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, describe role?  
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15. If you have published any legal books or articles, please list them, giving citations and dates:  
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16. List any honors, prizes, or awards you have received:  
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**PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS**

17. List all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admission requirements in which you are presently admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission in each case:

<u>Court or Administrative Body</u>	<u>Date of Admission</u>
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_____	_____
_____	_____
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**LAW PRACTICE**

18. State the names, dates and addresses of employment for all law firms with which you have been associated in practice, all governmental agencies and all private business organizations in which you have been employed. Also provide all dates during which you have practiced as a sole practitioner:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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19. Describe the general nature of your current practice including any legal specialties and the character of your typical clients. Also, if your practice is substantially different now than previously, please give details of prior practice:

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20. A. Do you regularly appear in court? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

B. What percentage of your appearances in the past five years were in:

- (1) Federal Courts \_\_\_\_\_%
- (2) State or Local Courts of Record \_\_\_\_\_%
- (3) Administrative Bodies \_\_\_\_\_%
- (4) Other \_\_\_\_\_%

21. During the past five years, what percentage of your practice has been trial practice? \_\_\_\_\_%

22. How frequently have you appeared in court? \_\_\_\_\_ times per month.

23. How frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings? \_\_\_\_\_ times per month.

24. What percentage of your practice involving litigation has been:

- Civil: \_\_\_\_\_%
- Criminal: \_\_\_\_\_%
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_%
- \_\_\_\_\_ %
- \_\_\_\_\_ %
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25. State the number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during each of the past five years, indicating whether you were sole, associate, or chief counsel. Give citations of any reported cases: \_\_\_\_\_

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26. Summarize your courtroom experience prior to the last five years:

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27. State the names and addresses of adversary counsel against whom you have litigated your primary cases for the past five years:

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**PUBLIC OFFICE**

28. Have you ever run for, or held, public office? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give details. \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRIOR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE**

29. a) Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, state the courts involved and the date of service, or dates of candidacy:

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b) If you have held judicial office, state the names and addresses of counsel who have appeared before you who would be knowledgeable of your work, temperament, and abilities.

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c) Prior quasi-judicial service:

Name of agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing on what issues \_\_\_\_\_

Number of cases adjudicated \_\_\_\_\_

Date of service \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT**

30. a) If you are now an officer, director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise, state the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, the nature of your duties, and whether you intend to resign such position immediately upon your appointment to judicial office.

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b) Since being admitted to the Bar, have you ever engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please give the details, including dates.

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\_\_\_\_\_

c) During the past five years, have you received any fees or compensation of any kind, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization or association of any kind? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, identify the source of such compensation, the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization or association involved, and the dates such compensation was paid.

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31. a) Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give details.  
(Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$200 or less was imposed unless it also included a jail sentence.)

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b) Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give particulars.

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32. a) Have you ever been sued by a client? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, give particulars.

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b) Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, give particulars, including the amounts involved.

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33. Have you ever been charged in any civil or criminal proceedings with conduct alleged to involve moral turpitude, dishonesty and/or unethical conduct? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, give particulars, including the full style of the cause.

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34. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group? Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give particulars.

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35. Have you filed appropriate tax returns as required by federal, state, local, and other government authorities? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If no, explain.

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36. Have any liens or claims ever been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain.

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**PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

37. a) List all bar associations and legal professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any office you have held in such groups, and committees to which you belonged.

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- b) List all organizations and clubs, other than bar associations and professional societies identified in response to Questions No. 37a of which you have been a member during the past ten years, including the titles and dates of any offices you have held in each such organization.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

38. State any achievements or actions you have accomplished, demonstrating your commitment to equal justice under the law.

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39. State any additional education or other experiences you believe would assist you in holding judicial office.

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40. State any other pertinent information reflecting positively or adversely on you which you believe should be disclosed to the district court and the selection panel in connection with your possible nomination as United States magistrate judge.

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41. a) List three individuals as references who are familiar with your abilities.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

41. b) List three individuals as references who are familiar with your personal character.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

## CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

This form will be kept confidential and will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the judges of the district court. The individuals whom you have listed as references above may be contacted by the panel, but no other employers, colleagues, or other individuals will be contacted without your prior approval.

*I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on:*

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Date

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Signature of Candidate

***Please return this completed application and 15 unbound, stapled copies marked CONFIDENTIAL on or before November 25, 2009, to:***

Merit Selection Panel for U. S. Magistrate Judge  
c/o Karen Mitchell  
Clerk of Court  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Texas  
1100 Commerce St., Rm 1452  
Dallas, Texas 75242

***Applicant must carefully follow instructions and submit only the specific information requested (e.g., do not include more than the name of six references and do not attach reference letters or letters of commendation). Any unsolicited information will be discarded.***