

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**APPLICATION FOR POSITION OF
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last, First Middle Social security number

Business Address: _____
Address Business telephone number

City, State, Zip Code Business fax

Home Address: _____
Address Telephone number

City, State, Zip Code Fax

Are you a citizen of the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Military Service:

Branch Serial number

Date of entry Date/type of discharge Highest rank or rate Reserve status

Are you related by blood or marriage to any judge(s) of this Court? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes", please provide name(s):

EDUCATION

College and Universities Attended:

_____ Name	_____ Dates (MM/YY - MM/YY)	_____ Degree
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_____ Name	_____ Dates (MM/YY - MM/YY)	_____ Degree
_____ Name	_____ Dates (MM/YY - MM/YY)	_____ Degree

Law School:

_____ Name	_____ Dates (MM/YY - MM/YY)	_____ Degree
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EDUCATION (continued)

Continuing Education: (List continuing legal education courses completed within the last ten (10) years:)

Other: Include dates attended, course of study, degree or certificate obtained:)

Were you a member of the Law Review? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Publications: (If you have published any legal books, articles or opinions, please list them, giving citations and dates:)

Recognition: (List any honors, prizes or awards you have received:)

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS AND PRACTICE

Court Admissions: (Please list courts or administrative bodies before which you are presently admitted to practice and the year of admission:)

Are you admitted to the California State Bar? ☐ Yes ☐ No.

If "Yes", date of admission:

Are you admitted to the United States District Court for the Central District of California? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", give dates(s) and other information:

Law Practice: (If you are currently a sitting judicial officer, please answer questions 1 through 4 for the appropriate period preceding your appointment/election to the bench:)

1. If private: _____
Name of firm

If public: _____
Title or position

State the names, dates and addresses of all law firms with which you have been associated in practice, and of all governmental agencies or private business organizations in which you have been employed, periods you have practiced as a sole practitioner and other prior practice:

(a) _____	_____
Position	
_____	_____
Name of firm	Telephone number
_____	_____
Address	Start date
_____	_____
City, State, Zip Code	End date

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS AND PRACTICE (continued)**Law Practice** (continued)

(b)	_____	_____
	Position	
	_____	_____
	Name of firm	Telephone number
	_____	_____
	Address	Start date
	_____	_____
	City, State, Zip Code	End date
	_____	_____
(c)	_____	_____
	Position	
	_____	_____
	Name of firm	Telephone number
	_____	_____
	Address	Start date
	_____	_____
	City, State, Zip Code	End date
	_____	_____
(d)	_____	_____
	Position	
	_____	_____
	Name of firm	Telephone number
	_____	_____
	Address	Start date
	_____	_____
	City, State, Zip Code	End date
	_____	_____

Describe the nature of your current practice, including any legal specialties which you possess, and the character of your typical clients. Additionally, if your practice is substantially different now than previously, please give details of prior practice.

Using the income codes below, show for each of the past five (5) years, the net income which you personally received as individual income as a result of your practice of the law:

	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	20__	20__	20__	20__	20__
INCOME CODES:	A = \$50,000 OR LESS	F = \$250,001 - \$300,000	K = \$1,000,001 OR MORE		
	B = \$50,001 - \$100,000	G = \$300,001 - \$400,000			
	C = \$100,001 - \$150,000	H = \$400,001 - \$500,000			
	D = \$150,001 - \$200,000	I = \$500,001 - \$750,000			
	E = \$200,001 - \$250,000	J = \$750,001 - \$1,000,000			

Law Practice (continued)

2. Do you regularly appear in court? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" what percentage of your appearances in the last five (5) years were in:

- (a) federal court _____ %
 (b) state or local courts of record _____ %
 (c) administrative bodies _____ %
 (d) other _____ %

3. During the last five (5) years, what percentage of your practice has been trial practice? _____ %

How frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings? _____ times per month.

What percentage of your practice involving litigation has been:

- (a) civil _____ %
 (b) criminal _____ %
 (c) other _____ %
 _____ %
 _____ %
 _____ %

State the number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during each of the past five years, including whether you were sole, associate or chief counsel. Give citations of any reported cases.

Year	Total Number of Cases	Sole Counsel	Associate Counsel	Chief Counsel
20__	_____	_____	_____	_____
20__	_____	_____	_____	_____
20__	_____	_____	_____	_____
20__	_____	_____	_____	_____
20__	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. During the last five (5) years, what percentage of your practice has been appellate practice? _____ %

If you have appellate practice in your background, list five (5) matters in which you have handled an appeal, identifying the court and principal issues, and stating whether you prepared the briefs, handled oral argument, or both.

Law Practice (continued)

5. Summarize your courtroom experience prior to the last five (5) years:

6. Please list ten (10) significant cases in which you have appeared as counsel:

Please complete all requested information.

(a) _____
Case name _____ Case number _____

Court _____ Judge(s) _____

Opposing counsel _____ Telephone number _____

Address _____

(b) _____
Case name _____ Case number _____

Court _____ Judge(s) _____

Opposing counsel _____ Telephone number _____

Address _____

(c) _____
Case name _____ Case number _____

Court _____ Judge(s) _____

Opposing counsel _____ Telephone number _____

Address _____

(d) _____
Case name _____ Case number _____

Court _____ Judge(s) _____

Opposing counsel _____ Telephone number _____

Address _____

Law Practice (continued)

(e)	_____	_____
	Case name	Case number
	_____	_____
	Court	Judge(s)
	_____	_____
	Opposing counsel	Telephone number
	_____	_____
	Address	

(f)	_____	_____
	Case name	Case number
	_____	_____
	Court	Judge(s)
	_____	_____
	Opposing counsel	Telephone number
	_____	_____
	Address	

(g)	_____	_____
	Case name	Case number
	_____	_____
	Court	Judge(s)
	_____	_____
	Opposing counsel	Telephone number
	_____	_____
	Address	

(h)	_____	_____
	Case name	Case number
	_____	_____
	Court	Judge(s)
	_____	_____
	Opposing counsel	Telephone number
	_____	_____
	Address	

(i)	_____	_____
	Case name	Case number
	_____	_____
	Court	Judge(s)
	_____	_____
	Opposing counsel	Telephone number
	_____	_____
	Address	

Law Practice (continued)

(j) _____
Case name _____ Case number _____

_____ Court _____ Judge(s) _____

_____ Opposing counsel _____ Telephone number _____

_____ Address _____

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

If you are currently a sitting judicial officer, commissioner or administrative law judge, please answer questions 7 and 8.

7. _____
Current judicial title _____ Court _____

_____ Appointing authority _____ Date of appointment _____

Please describe briefly your judicial duties:

8. Please list ten (10) cases in which you presided as the judicial officer.

Please complete all requested information.

(a)	_____	_____	_____
	Case name	Case number	Court
	_____	_____	_____
	Counsel	Counsel	
	_____	_____	_____
	Address	Address	
	_____	_____	_____
	City, State, Zip Code	City, State, Zip Code	
	_____	_____	_____
	Telephone number	Telephone number	Fax
	_____	_____	_____
	Fax		
(b)	_____	_____	_____
	Case name	Case number	Court
	_____	_____	_____
	Counsel	Counsel	
	_____	_____	_____
	Address	Address	
	_____	_____	_____
	City, State, Zip Code	City, State, Zip Code	
	_____	_____	_____
	Telephone number	Telephone number	Fax
	_____	_____	_____
	Fax		

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

(c) _____
Case name Case number Court

Counsel Counsel

Address Address

City, State, Zip Code City, State, Zip Code

Telephone number Fax Telephone number Fax

(d) _____
Case name Case number Court

Counsel Counsel

Address Address

City, State, Zip Code City, State, Zip Code

Telephone number Fax Telephone number Fax

(e) _____
Case name Case number Court

Counsel Counsel

Address Address

City, State, Zip Code City, State, Zip Code

Telephone number Fax Telephone number Fax

(f) _____
Case name Case number Court

Counsel Counsel

Address Address

City, State, Zip Code City, State, Zip Code

Telephone number Fax Telephone number Fax

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

(g) _____
Case name Case number Court

Counsel Counsel

Address Address

City, State, Zip Code City, State, Zip Code

Telephone number Fax Telephone number Fax

(h) _____
Case name Case number Court

Counsel Counsel

Address Address

City, State, Zip Code City, State, Zip Code

Telephone number Fax Telephone number Fax

(i) _____
Case name Case number Court

Counsel Counsel

Address Address

City, State, Zip Code City, State, Zip Code

Telephone number Fax Telephone number Fax

(j) _____
Case name Case number Court

Counsel Counsel

Address Address

City, State, Zip Code City, State, Zip Code

Telephone number Fax Telephone number Fax

9. Have you ever held public office? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes", please provide details:

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

10. (a) If you do not currently hold judicial office, have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", please state the courts involved and the dates of service, or dates of candidacy:

(b) Prior quasi-judicial service:

Name of agency

Position held

Date of service

Number of matters adjudicated

Hearing what issues

11. Have you ever been the subject of inquiry by any disciplinary body of any bar association? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", please give particulars:

OTHER HISTORY

12. Other Employment Record.

Except for employment set forth in previous answers, list employment for last ten (10) years, listing the most recent employment first.

(a)

Employer

Telephone number

Address

Start date

City, State, Zip Code

End date

Duties:

Reason for leaving:

(b)

Employer

Telephone number

Address

Start date

City, State, Zip Code

End date

Duties:

Reason for leaving:

OTHER HISTORY (continued)**Other Employment Record** (continued)

(c) _____
Employer Telephone number

Address Start date

City, State, Zip Code End date

Duties:

Reason for leaving:

(d) _____
Employer Telephone number

Address Start date

City, State, Zip Code End date

Duties:

Reason for leaving:

13. List all past residence addresses, with dates, for the last five (5) years:

(a) _____
Address From date

City, State, Zip Code To date

(b) _____
Address From date

City, State, Zip Code To date

(c) _____
Address From date

City, State, Zip Code To date

OTHER HISTORY (continued)

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

_____ Organization	_____ Title	_____ From date	_____ To date
_____ Organization	_____ Title	_____ From date	_____ To date
_____ Organization	_____ Title	_____ From date	_____ To date
_____ Organization	_____ Title	_____ From date	_____ To date

15. List all organizations and clubs, other than bar associations and professional societies identified in response to question 14, of which you have been a member during the past ten (10) years, including the title and dates of any office you have held in each such organization.

_____ Organization	_____ Title	_____ From date	_____ To date
_____ Organization	_____ Title	_____ From date	_____ To date
_____ Organization	_____ Title	_____ From date	_____ To date
_____ Organization	_____ Title	_____ From date	_____ To date

16. (a) Have you ever been summoned, arrested, taken into custody, indicted, or convicted or tried for, or charged with, or pleaded guilty to the violation of any law or ordinance for the commission of any felony or misdemeanor (except minor traffic violations), or have you ever been requested to appear before any prosecuting attorney or investigative agency in any matter, military or civil? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", state the date, name and nature of the offense(s), locality, and disposition on a separate sheet.

- (b) Have you ever held or applied for a commission, certificate, credential or license that required proof of good character aside from admission to practice law? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", state the date of application, authority to whom made, disposition of application, and, if granted, the number and present status:

(c) Bond

- (i) Have you ever held a bonded position? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", specify the nature of the position, dates and amount of bond:

- (ii) Has anyone ever sought to recover upon your bond or to cancel same? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- (iii) Have you ever been refused bond? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- (d) As a member of any organization, or as a holder of any office, or as an attorney, have you ever been suspended, disbarred or otherwise disqualified, or had such license suspended or revoked; or have you ever been reprimanded, censured, or otherwise disciplined; or have any charges, formal or informal, ever been made or filed against you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", state the complete facts, disposition, and authority in possession of the records thereof:

- (e) Have you ever been a party to or claimed an interest in any civil proceedings (including divorce, incompetency, bankruptcy, damage suits, etc.); or have you ever been declared a ward of any court; or have you ever been institutionalized as a result of any civil proceeding? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", state the complete facts, disposition, and authority in possession of the records thereof:

OTHER HISTORY (continued)

- (f) Are there any unsatisfied judgments against you, or are you in default in any way in the performance or discharge of any duty or obligation imposed upon you by decree or order of any court (including alimony and support orders and decrees)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", state full details:

- (g) Have you ever been cited for contempt of any court or body having the power of contempt? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", state full details:

- (h) Have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", state full details:

- (i) Have you ever been sanctioned by a Court? Include in your response (1) any instance in which you have been ordered to pay a sanction to the registry of the court; (2) any instance in which attorney's fees have been assessed against you as a sanction; and (3) any instance in which attorney's fees exceeding \$1,000 were awarded as part of a discovery dispute, whether denominated as a sanction or an award of expenses. Provide an explanation concerning the circumstances of the sanction. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", state full details:

- (j) 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", state full details:

(k) Have you ever been sued by a client? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", state full details:

(l) Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", state full details, including the amounts involved:

17. Have you in the last ten (10) years (1) been hospitalized due to injury or serious mental or physical illness or drug or alcohol addiction, or (2) been prevented from working or otherwise incapacitated for a period in excess of ten (10) days due to injury or illness, drug or alcohol addiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", state full details, including the causes, the dates, the places of confinement, the name, address and telephone numbers of the physician(s) knowledgeable of such impairment, and the present status of the conditions which caused the confinement or incapacitation:

18. Do you have any visual or hearing impairment or other mental or physical impairment that would affect your ability to perform the duties of a Magistrate Judge? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", please describe the impairment and how your impairment could be accommodated to allow you to perform the duties of a magistrate judge:

OTHER HISTORY (continued)

19. 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:

20. State whether during the past five (5) years you have 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. If so, identify the source of such compensation, the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization or association involved, and the dates such compensation was paid:

21. Have you filed appropriate tax returns as required by federal, state, local and other government authorities?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No", please explain:

22. Do you have any liens or claims outstanding against you by the Internal Revenue Service? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", please explain.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

23. State any achievements or actions you have accomplished demonstrating your commitment to equal justice under law:

24. State any additional education or other experience you believe would assist you in holding judicial office:

25. 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:

26. List any other community or professional honors or other public recognition that you have received:

27. List five (5) individuals as references who are familiar with your abilities and personal character:

(a)	_____	
	Name	
	_____	_____
	Address	Business telephone number
	_____	_____
	City, State, Zip Code	Other number (home, cellular, etc.)
(b)	_____	
	Name	
	_____	_____
	Address	Business telephone number
	_____	_____
	City, State, Zip Code	Other number (home, cellular, etc.)
(c)	_____	
	Name	
	_____	_____
	Address	Business telephone number
	_____	_____
	City, State, Zip Code	Other number (home, cellular, etc.)
(d)	_____	
	Name	
	_____	_____
	Address	Business telephone number
	_____	_____
	City, State, Zip Code	Other number (home, cellular, etc.)
(e)	_____	
	Name	
	_____	_____
	Address	Business telephone number
	_____	_____
	City, State, Zip Code	Other number (home, cellular, etc.)

28. Does your present employer know you have applied for the position of United States Magistrate Judge?

☐ Yes ☐ No

29. Do you object to the Panel contacting your current employer? ☐ Yes ☐ No

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the answers given by me to the foregoing questions and statements made are true and correct, without mental reservation of any kind whatsoever. If employment is obtained under this application, I will comply with all orders, rules and regulations administered by the Court. If, upon investigation, anything contained in this application is found to be untrue, I understand that I will be subject to dismissal at any time during the period of my employment.

Dated

Signature of applicant

WAIVER

I hereby authorize the custodian of any records or information to permit the examination or receipt of such information, whether written or oral, by the Merit Selection Panel. I also authorize the Merit Selection Panel to consult with my former employers, my current employer, unless I have checked the "yes" box in response to question number 29 on page 19, my professional colleagues, and my physician with regard to matters pertinent to my qualifications for the position of United States Magistrate Judge, I hereby release those persons, and their companies, who provide information to the Merit Selection Panel from all liability for any damage whatsoever for issuing same.

Dated

Signature of applicant

UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT (Applicable only to full time position)

I hereby state that I understand that the United States District Court for the Central District of California is currently authorized to hold court in Los Angeles, Santa Ana and Riverside, and that the District Court may assign a Magistrate Judge to hold court on a part-time or full-time basis in any of these locations and may reassign a Magistrate Judge from one location to another as workload may require. If appointed as a Magistrate Judge, I hereby agree to hold court in any of these authorized locations as assigned by the Court.

Please check the appropriate boxes below:

- ☐ I elect to be considered for positions in Los Angeles.
- ☐ I elect to be considered for positions in Riverside.
- ☐ I elect to be considered for positions in Santa Ana.

Dated

Signature of applicant

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