

**United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York**

**Notice Date: November 3, 2016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Reappointment of Incumbent United States Magistrate Judges**

The current terms of two (2) United States Magistrate Judges, United States Magistrate Judge Steven M. Gold, and United States Magistrate Judge Lois Bloom are due to expire respectively on February 22, 2017 and May 17, 2017. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, as required by law, has established a Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and residents of this district to consider the reappointment of each of these two magistrate judges to a new eight (8)-year term. See Administrative Order No. 2016-08 on the Court's website.

The duties of a magistrate judge include the following:

1. conducting preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
2. presiding over the trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
3. conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court in both civil and criminal matters;
4. presiding over the trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants;  
and
5. assignment of additional duties not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States.

See 28 U.S.C. Section 636.

Members of the Bar and the Public are invited to submit comments to the Court's Merit Selection Panel as to whether the incumbent magistrate judges should be recommended by the Panel to the Court for reappointment. Comments should be directed to:

Merit Selection Panel  
c/o Clerk of Court  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

**Comments must be received no later than December 5, 2016.**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Chief Judge Dora L. Irizarry announced today that the Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York have appointed a Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and residents of the district (See Administrative Order No. 2016-08 on the Court's website) to consider the reappointments of Steven M. Gold, and Lois Bloom, incumbent United States Magistrate Judges in the Eastern District of New York, each for a new eight (8)-year term. The Panel will review the incumbents' performance as Magistrate Judges and will consider comments received from members of the Bar and Public and any other pertinent evidence as to the incumbents' good character, judgment, legal ability, temperament, and commitment to equal justice under the law. All written comments received by the Panel will be considered carefully and will remain confidential. Written comments should be directed to:

Merit Selection Panel  
c/o Clerk of Court  
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Within ninety (90) days from its appointment on November 3, 2016, the Panel must report to the Court as to whether it recommends the incumbents for reappointment for an additional term of office. All comments must be received by **December 5, 2016**.