

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA



## PUBLIC NOTICE FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Richard L. Bourgeois at The United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana is due to expire on February 19, 2021. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the Magistrate Judge to a new eight-year term.

The duties of a Magistrate Judge in this Court include the following: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a District Judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. 636.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent Magistrate Judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the Court. Comments should be directed to the Clerk of Court, Michael L. McConnell using one of the methods below:

[humanresources@lamd.uscourts.gov](mailto:humanresources@lamd.uscourts.gov)

-or-

United States District Court  
Attention: Michael L. McConnell  
777 Florida Street, Suite 139  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Comments must be received by Friday, April 10, 2020 at 12:00 pm CST.