

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS McALLEN DIVISION

REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE JAMES SCOTT HACKER

The current term of the office of United States Magistrate Judge J. Scott Hacker at McAllen, Texas, is due to expire October 16, 2024. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of U.S. Magistrate Judge Hacker to a new 8-year term. The duties of a U.S. Magistrate Judge position include the following:

1. Conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
2. Trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
3. Conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and,
4. Trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

The court invites comments from members of the bar and the public as to whether the panel should recommend the reappointment of U.S. Magistrate Judge Hacker to the court. Direct comments under confidential cover to:

Judge Hacker Reappointment Panel
Attention: Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
P.O. Box 61010
Houston, Texas 77208

Comments must be received no later than **April 16, 2024**, 5:00 p.m.