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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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In the matter of )

**APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME )  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE )  
JUDGE )**

General Order No. 717

The Court declares its desire to consider the appointment of a new full-time United States Magistrate Judge, for a period of eight (8) years, commencing on April 1, 2020. For that purpose, the attached notice will be published in the San Diego Union Tribune, a general local newspaper. Notice will also be published on the Court's website and distributed to the bar through CM/ECF.

In accordance with the requirements of § 420.30 *et seq.* of the Guide to Judiciary Policy's Chapter on the Selection, Appointment, and Reappointment of Magistrate Judges, the Court appoints the following persons to serve as a Merit Selection Panel:

Nadia Bermudez, Chair  
George Aguilar  
Gary Burcham  
Dave Fox  
Shireen Matthews  
Hon. Randa Trapp  
Arlene Yang  
Michele McKenzie  
Jay Campbell (Public Member)  
Sandy Purdon (Public Member)

All of the Merit Selection Panel members have received written notice of the restriction in § 420.30.20(d) of the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges, which states the following:

- (d) Restrictions on Merit Selection Panel Members
  - (1) In order for a former merit selection panel member to be considered for a magistrate judge position, one year must have elapsed between the application deadline for the position and the earlier of:
    - (A) The date when the panel on which the former member served submitted its report to the court, or
    - (B) The date when the former member resigned from the panel.
  - (2) This restriction applies to a former member of a merit selection panel for the appointment or reappointment of a U.S. magistrate judge.
  - (3) The Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System (Magistrate Judges Committee) is authorized to grant waivers to this provision on an individual case basis.
    - (A) Requests for waivers should be submitted to the Magistrate Judges Committee by the chair of the merit selection panel that is recommending candidates for the magistrate judge position for which the former panel member seeks to apply.
    - (B) In its evaluation of a request for a waiver, the Magistrate Judges Committee may consider any factor it deems relevant, including, but not limited to:
      - (i) the foreseeability of a subsequent magistrate judge position at the time of the former merit selection panel member's service on the panel;
      - (ii) the size of the applicant pool for the subsequent position;
      - (iii) whether the panel member served on a standing panel;

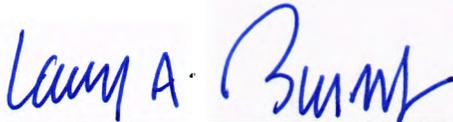
- (iv) whether a waiver would advance the goal of achieving diversity in the applicant pool; and
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**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

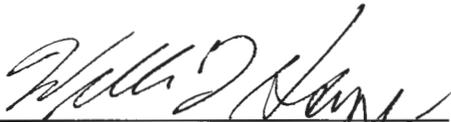
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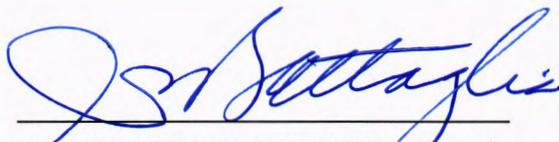
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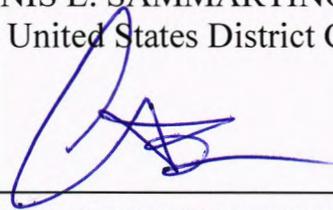
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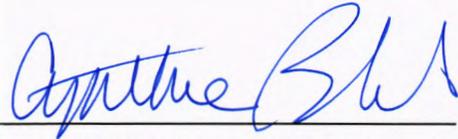
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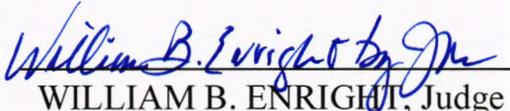
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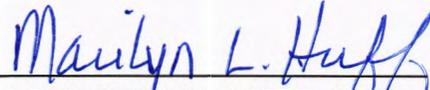
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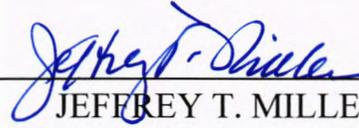
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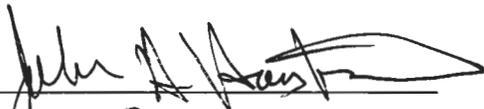
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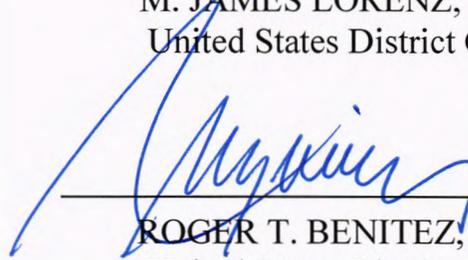
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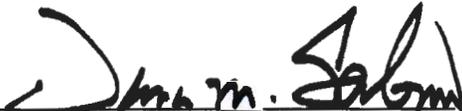
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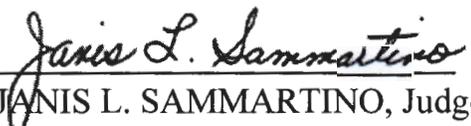
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