

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

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EASTERN DISTRICT ARKANSAS

AUG 15 2025

IN RE: MERIT SELECTION PANEL

TAMMY H. DOWNS, CLERK

By: J. Downs
DEP CLERK

ORDER

The Court hereby appoints the Merit Selection Panel to consider the reappointment of the Honorable Jerome T. Kearney as United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas. All of the active United States District Judges of this District have participated in the selection of this Panel. Members of the Panel are as follows:

Lawyer Members

Phillip Allen, Jr.
Khayyam Eddings
Cody Kees
Sarah Keith-Bolden
Alexander D. Morgan
Jaimie G. Moss
Bill Stanley, Sr.
Graham C. Talley
Shea Watts

Non-Lawyer Members

Steve Ronnel
Brady Gadberry

The Court has also selected Sarah Keith-Bolden as chair of the Panel.

In accordance with the Judicial Conference's regulations, Panel members must keep confidential all information, written and oral, that they obtain in performing their duties. The Panel's deliberations must also be kept confidential. All Panel members will be advised in writing as set forth 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.

The Panel must submit a report with its recommendation regarding reappointment of Magistrate Judge Kearney to the Court by November 13, 2025.

It is so ordered this 15th date of August, 2025.



Kristine G. Baker
Chief United States District Judge