

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN DIVISION

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IN RE:

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
AUSTIN DIVISION

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**ORDER CONFIRMING AND EXTENDING MERIT SELECTION PANEL TO  
CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that United States Magistrate Judge Andrew W. Austin will retire “as soon as a successor can be selected,” the following order is rendered to continue the previously established Merit Selection Panel in the Austin Division of the Western District of Texas to assist the judges of the court in the selection and appointment of a new United States Magistrate Judge to replace Judge Austin upon his retirement and any other matter the judges may assign to the panel. This order is rendered pursuant to the Federal Magistrate Judges Act of 1979, as amended, 28 U.S.C. §§ 631-639.

IT IS ORDERED that the existing Merit Selection Panel is hereby confirmed. The following persons shall continue to serve as members of the Merit Selection Panel:

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All Panel members have been advised in writing of the restriction set forth in Section 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 effective date of the Panel's original appointment is March 23, 2020.

The Panel shall report to the court the result of its activities and specify the five applicants the Panel has determined to be the best qualified not later than 90 days after the date of this order, unless otherwise directed by the court.

SIGNED this 25th day of November, 2020.

  
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LEE YEAKEL  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

  
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ROBERT PITMAN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE