

# NOTICE

## REAPPOINTMENT OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE LAWRENCE R. LEONARD

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Lawrence R. Leonard at Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia, is due to expire on September 30, 2020. The United States District Court, as required by law, has established a Merit Selection Panel composed of lawyers and citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

**The duties of a magistrate judge 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 the district judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil actions upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the Merit Selection Panel should recommend that the incumbent magistrate judge be reappointed. Any comments should be directed to:

Merit Selection Panel  
c/o Sharon S. Goodwyn, Esquire  
Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP  
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Or sent by email to the Merit Selection Panel c/o Sharon S. Goodwyn, Esq. at  
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**Comments must be received by March 9, 2020**

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