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for the Northern Mariana Islands  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Deputy Clerk)

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF:

GENERAL ORDER NO. 13-00001

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MERIT  
SELECTION PANEL TO CONSIDER THE  
APPOINTMENT OF A COMBINED CLERK OF  
COURT/PART-TIME MAGISTRATE JUDGE.

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the combined Clerk of Court/Part-Time Magistrate Judge position for the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. In accordance with 28 U.S.C § 631 and regulations promulgated by the Judicial Conference, the United States District Court is required to establish a Merit Selection Panel to consider the appointment of a qualified applicant as a combined Clerk of Court/Part-Time Magistrate Judge to a four-year term.

Effective January 7, 2013, the following individuals are hereby appointed to serve as members of the panel:

Ms. Jeanne G. Quinata, Esq., Chair

Mr. F. Matthew Smith, Esq., Member

Mr. Galo L. Perez, Member

The panel shall undertake its responsibility in compliance with the standards and procedures promulgated pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5), and, shall recommend to the court for consideration

1 individuals whose character, experience, ability, and commitment to equal justice under the law fully  
2 qualify them to serve as a United States magistrate judge, and who are most suitable for the office of  
3 the Clerk of Court.

4 The panel shall file a report with the Court by February 15, 2013. The report of the panel  
5 shall specify the five applicants the panel has determined as best qualified and have attached to it all  
6 written information received by or prepared by the panel concerning the recommended applicants.  
7 The court may accept a list containing fewer than five names for good cause shown by the panel in  
8 its report.

9 IT IS SO ORDERED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

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