

PUBLIC NOTICE

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Barry A. Bryant is due to expire February 18, 2015. The United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

The duties of the magistrate judge include the following: (1) conduct of preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; (4) conduct of settlement conferences; and (5) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the Bar and public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to:

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Comments must be received **no later than August 1, 2014.**