



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
FORT SMITH DIVISION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF
INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Mark E. Ford of the Fort Smith division is due to expire on January 2, 2023. The United States District Court 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 a magistrate judge in this court 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 judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the 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 the Clerk of Court, Jamie Giani, by email at jamie_giani@arwd.uscourts.gov, or comments may be mailed to:

Jamie Giani
U.S. District Court
30 S. 6th Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901

Comments must be received by Friday, August 26, 2022.