

New Magistrate Judge Sought For the District Of Delaware

The District of Delaware has announced that it is currently looking to fill the vacancy for Magistrate Judge in the District of Delaware. The position has been vacant since Judge Stark's appointment in October. The Magistrate Judge's duties generally include: (1) upon designation of a district judge, hearing and determining pending pretrial matters; (2) upon designation by a district judge, conducting evidentiary hearings and submitting proposed findings and recommendations; (3) upon designation by a district judge, conducting ADR processes; (4) upon consent of the parties, conducting all proceedings in a jury or non-jury civil matter; and (5) conducting all proceedings in criminal misdemeanor cases. A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the district judges in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The term of office is eight years.