

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**IN RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO REAPPOINT INCUMBENT UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES AND INVITATION  
FOR COMMENTS**

The current terms of the office of the following United States Magistrate Judges are due to expire as set forth below:

Bristow Marchant	–	term expires August 31, 2016
Paige Jones Gossett	–	term expires October 23, 2016

The United States District Court is required to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of these magistrate judges to a new term.

The magistrate judge, among other duties, conducts most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases, tries and disposes of misdemeanors, conducts various pretrial and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from district court judges, and tries and disposes of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments are invited from the public and the Bar members on whether Magistrate Judges Marchant and Gossett should be recommended for reappointment. Written comments must be submitted by January 6, 2016, in an envelope marked personal and confidential to the following: Robin L. Blume, Clerk of Court; 901 Richland Street; Columbia, SC 29201.

All comments will be kept confidential unless the person commenting consents to disclosure. All comments will be examined only by the members of the Merit Selection Panel and the District Judges.