

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

**In Re: Notice of Intent to Reappoint Incumbent United States Magistrate Judge and Invitation for Comments**

The current term of office of **United States Magistrate Judge Jacquelyn D. Austin** is due to expire **February 7, 2019**.

The United States District Court is required to and will establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of all 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 members of the Bar on whether Magistrate Judge Austin should be recommended for reappointment. Written comments must be submitted by **July 18, 2018**, in an envelope marked personal and confidential to the following:

Robin L. Blume  
Clerk of Court  
United States District 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.