

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

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

The current term of the office of United States Magistrate Judge Mary Gordon Baker is due to expire January 4, 2023.

The United States District Court is required to and will establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of 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 Mary Gordon Baker be recommended for reappointment. Written comments must be submitted by April 15 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.