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 office of United States Magistrate Judge Kaymani D. West at Florence, South Carolina, is due to expire on December 31, 2019. 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) Conducts most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- (2) Tries and disposes of misdemeanor cases;
- (3) Conducts various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from district court judges; and
- (4) Tries and disposes of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments are invited from members of the bar and the public as to whether United States Magistrate Judge Kaymani D. West should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court.

Please send comments in an envelope marked "confidential" to Robin L. Blume, Clerk of Court; United States District Court; 901 Richland Street; Columbia, SC 29201. Comments may also be sent to the following confidential e-mail address: <u>mj_reappointment@scd.uscourts.gov</u>.

Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. May 24, 2019.