

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

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

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

Thomas E. Rogers, III at Florence, South Carolina - term expires May 7, 2026

Kevin F. McDonald at Greenville, South Carolina - term expires May 31, 2026

Shiva V. Hodges at Columbia, South Carolina - term expires June 7, 2026

The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens (Merit Selection Panel) to consider the reappointment of each of these United States Magistrate Judges to a new eight-year term.

Comments are invited from members of the Bar and the public as to whether United States Magistrate Judges Rogers, McDonald, and Hodges should be recommended by the Merit Selection Panel for reappointment by the Court.

Please send written comments in an envelope marked "personal and 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:  
[mj\\_reappointment@scd.uscourts.gov](mailto:mj_reappointment@scd.uscourts.gov).

Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., September 2, 2025.

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.