

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA



IN RE:

APPOINTMENT OF A MERIT SELECTION  
PANEL

GENERAL ORDER NO. 703

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C, §631(b)(5) and the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges (Regulations), the following individuals are hereby appointed effective March 16, 2026, as a merit selection panel to assist the Court in the appointment of a full-time magistrate judge with duty station at Sacramento, California. All Panel members have been advised in writing of the restriction on applying for a magistrate judge position for a period of one year after the conclusion of their service as set forth in §420.30.20(d) of the Regulations.

1. Hon. Bunmi O. Awoniyi, Sacramento County Superior Court Judge (Panel Chair)
2. Damian Cortez, Associate Attorney, Jackson Lewis P.C.
3. Darrin Greer, Child Welfare Attendance Coordinator, Twin Rivers Unified School District (non-attorney)
4. Hugo Ortiz, Retired Supervisory United States Probation Officer (non-attorney)
5. Dina Santos, Sole Practitioner, Attorney at Law
6. Peggy Sasso, First Assistant Defender, Office of the Federal Defender
7. Sam Stefanki, Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office
8. Filomena Yeroshek, Dean, Lincoln Law School of Sacramento

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: March 10, 2026

FOR THE COURT:



TROY L. NUNLEY, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT