

**PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF
INCUMBENT UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge M. Stephen Hyles in Columbus, Georgia, is due to expire on June 30, 2018. 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 (8) year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge position include the following:

- (1) Conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- (2) Trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
- (3) Conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and
- (4) Trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to:

David W. Bunt, Clerk
United States District Court
Middle District of Georgia
Post Office Box 128
Macon, GA 31202

Comments must be received by September 8, 2017.