

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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NEW YORK

In re: Appointment of

ORDER

MERIT SELECTION PANEL
POUGHKEEPSIE

M10-456

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Magistrate Judge Kim P. Berg, whose term as a part-time Magistrate Judge expires on September 11, 2026, has advised the Court that she will seek reappointment in that position.

On December 11, 2025, the Board of Judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York approved the appointment of a Merit Selection Panel to consider the reappointment of part-time Magistrate Judge Kim P. Berg at Poughkeepsie, New York consisting of the following members.

POUGHKEEPSIE MERIT SELECTION PANEL

Mary Smith, Esq. Chair
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This panel is to consider all comments by members of the bar and the public, to interview the incumbent and to interview individuals who may have actual and reliable knowledge about the incumbent's performance and to report to the Magistrate Judges Committee of the Court on or before March 11, 2026, whether it recommends re-appointment for an additional term of office.

Panel members have been advised of the one-year restriction on being considered for a magistrate judge position found in the Guide to Judiciary Policy Volume 3 Chapter 4, §420.30.20(d).

Dated: December 10, 2025
New York, New York



Laura Taylor Swain
Chief Judge