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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF: APPOINTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL IN SALT LAKE CITY	**GENERAL ORDER** 26-008

The Court has been informed that Magistrate Judge Cecilia M. Romero seeks reappointment for a second eight-year term. Her current term expires on June 6, 2027. In accordance with Volume 3, Chapter 4, § 420.30 of the Guide to Judiciary Policy governing the Selection, Appointment, and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges, and having advised all panel members in writing about the restriction in § 420.30.20(d) imposed by the Judicial Conference regarding their eligibility for future magistrate judge positions,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective today, the individuals listed below are appointed to serve as the Merit Selection Panel (the Panel) to evaluate the reappointment of Judge Cecilia M. Romero, along with any future magistrate judge reappointment requests that arise through August 2028. The Court anticipates reappointment requests from Magistrate Judge Daphne A. Oberg, whose current term expires on May 13, 2028; Magistrate Judge Jared C. Bennett, whose current term expires on May 25, 2028; and Magistrate Judge Dustin B. Pead, whose current term expires on August 19, 2028.

1. Monica Call, Esq. – Chair (Foley & Lardner)
2. Margo Johnson, Esq. (United States Attorney's Office)
3. Adam Bridge, Esq. (Federal Public Defender Office)
4. Jon Williams, Esq. (CJA panel representative)
5. Sam Meziani, Esq. (Goebel Anderson)
6. Heather White, Esq. (Jones, Skelton & Hochuli)
7. Ryan Pahnke, Esq. (Ray Quinney & Nebeker)
8. Jeff Rosenlund (former Chief U.S. Probation Officer)
9. Scott Mecham (retired Director of Operations & Finance, Office of Utah Attorney General)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Panel submit to the Court its report concerning the reappointment of the above-mentioned magistrate judges at least four months prior to the expiration date of each magistrate judge's term.

Dated this 5th day of October 2026.

BY THE COURT:

JILL N. PARRISH
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE