

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

**ORDER SO-09-03**

IN THE MATTER OF:

MERIT SELECTION PANEL  
to Consider  
REAPPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
C. CLIFFORD SHIRLEY, JR.

The appointment of Magistrate Judge C. Clifford Shirley, Jr., expires on February 12, 2010. The Court being willing to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Shirley hereby establishes a Merit Selection Panel. The Merit Selection Panel shall consist of the following members:

Bruce A. Anderson, Chairman  
Debra C. Poplin, Vice Chair  
Donald Bosch, Member  
William Lyons, Member

Tracee Plowell, Member  
Clarence Risin, Member  
Reverend John Ross, Member

The Merit Selection Panel shall review Magistrate Judge Shirley's current service as Magistrate Judge and other experience, comments from members of the bar and the public, and other evidence of Magistrate Judge Shirley's good character, ability, and commitment to equal justice under the law. To encourage candor, the Merit Selection Panel should assure individuals who comment that their names will not be disclosed. Magistrate Judge Shirley should be given an opportunity to appear personally before the panel to answer any questions regarding his performance and to respond to any negative comments received by the panel. The Merit Selection Panel should make a written report to the Court recommending whether or not Magistrate Judge Shirley should be reappointed on or before October 1, 2009.

**SO ORDERED.**

**ENTER:**

/s/

Honorable Curtis L. Collier  
Chief, United States District Judge