

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE CHRISTOPHER C. BLY**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Christopher C. Bly in Atlanta, Georgia, expires on November 25, 2026.

The duties of a magistrate judge in the Northern District of Georgia include the following:

1. Trial and disposition of virtually all categories of civil actions with consent of the parties in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c);
2. Pursuant to the court's standing orders governing referral and assignment of civil cases and matters to magistrate judges, presiding over all aspects of civil cases through the issuance of a recommendation for final disposition under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b);
3. Ruling on various pretrial matters and holding evidentiary proceedings on references from the district court judges made in addition to the standing orders, including discovery issues and other non-dispositive motions;
4. Conducting settlement conferences or mediations in civil actions by reference;
5. Conducting preliminary proceedings in felony criminal cases, including initial appearances, bond/detention hearings, and arraignments;
6. Issuing warrants of arrest, search warrants, and warrants in administrative actions;
7. Ruling on all non-dispositive motions in felony criminal cases and entering findings and recommendations as to dispositive criminal motions, such as motions to dismiss or to suppress evidence;
8. Conducting preliminary reviews and making recommendations regarding the disposition of prisoner civil rights complaints and habeas corpus petitions;
9. Conducting such evidentiary proceedings as may be required in prisoner and habeas corpus actions; and
10. Performing other duties as set forth in the Local Rules of the Northern District of Georgia.

The United States District Court, as required by law, has established a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of magistrate judges to new eight-year terms. Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the panel should recommend Magistrate Judge Bly for reappointment by the court to another eight-year term. Please direct comments to:

Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel
c/o Kevin P. Weimer, District Court Executive
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Comments must be received by 4:45 p.m. on April 17, 2026.