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**United States District Court
Western District of Virginia**

REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Robert S. Ballou at Roanoke is due to expire on October 2, 2019. 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-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge in this court include the following:

- Conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- Trying and disposing of misdemeanor cases;
- Conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings as designated by a district judge;
- Trying and disposing of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; and
- Conducting settlement conferences in civil cases upon referral from district judge.

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:

John Fishwick, Jr., Esq., Chairman
U.S. Magistrate Judge Reappointment Advisory Panel
c/o Clerk of Court
U.S. District Court
210 Franklin Rd., SW, Suite 540
Roanoke, VA 24011

Or to the court's public website comment box:
public-comment@vawd.uscourts.gov

Comments **must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, March 1, 2019.**