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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**IN RE: )  
REAPPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME ) Administrative Order No. 426  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE )  
JUDGE MARK A. BEATTY )**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
APPOINTING MERIT RETENTION PANEL**

Pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 631(b)(5), and the pertinent regulations promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States, those persons whose names appear on the attached list are appointed as members of the Merit Retention Panel for the purpose of examining the retention of United States Magistrate Judge Mark A. Beatty. The Panel will review and consider comments received from members of the bar and public as well as any other pertinent evidence as to the United States Magistrate Judge Beatty's good character, judgment, legal ability, temperament, and commitment to equal justice under the law. The Panel will report the results of its activities to the Court by May 28, 2026, specifying the opinion of the Panel as to whether United States Magistrate Judge Beatty should be retained. The Merit Retention Panel shall meet at such times and places as determined by the chairperson. The Panel has received written notice of the one-year restriction on their ability to qualify for selection as a magistrate judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 27, 2026.



STACI M. YANDLE  
Chief U.S. District Judge

**MERIT RETENTION PANEL FOR REAPPOINTMENT  
OF U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE MARK A. BEATTY**

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