

**NOTICE OF REAPPOINTMENT
OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Brian K. Epps at Augusta, Georgia, is due to expire on June 5, 2021. As required by law, the United States District Court has established a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight-year term. Reappointment is by the judges of the Court.

The duties of a magistrate judge in this court include the following: Conducting preliminary proceedings in criminal cases, trial and disposition of misdemeanor and petty offense cases, conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court, and trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in Title 28 U. S. C. §636.

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:

Mr. James Cox, Chairman at SDGAPanel@gmail.com

Comments must be received by November 30, 2020.