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# Press Release

## **Magistrate Judge Camille L. Vélez-Rivé reappointed to a third term as Magistrate Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.**

**October 4, 2019 (San Juan, PR):** The Chief Judge and the Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (“USDCPR”) announce that the Court appointed Magistrate Judge Camille L. Vélez-Rivé to a third eight-year term to commence on March 22, 2020. Magistrate Judge Vélez-Rivé was originally appointed by the USDCPR in 2004.

Magistrate Judge Vélez-Rivé’s reappointment is based on the recommendation of a Merit Selection Panel. The panel solicited and received comments from the public and the bar. After its review, the panel recommended the reappointment, and the judges of the USDCPR concurred.

The duties of a magistrate judge in this court include the following: (1) conduct most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct both, civil and criminal cases, various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants, and (5) all those duties assigned as per Rule 72 of the Local Rules of the Court.

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