

COURT NOTICE

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT ANNOUNCES (2) POSITION VACANCIES FOR ARRAIGNMENT COURT MAGISTRATE

The Philadelphia Municipal Court is required by Rule to establish an Arraignment Court Magistrate Selection Panel to consider the appointment of an Arraignment Court Magistrate. This panel has been established and requests that all individuals considering filing for the positions make this intention known by completing and filing an Arraignment Court Magistrate's Personal Data Questionnaire with the Philadelphia Municipal Court through Kathleen M. Rapone, Deputy Court Administrator, 1301 Filbert Street, Room 208 Criminal Justice Center, Philadelphia, PA 19107. The deadline for submission is March 25, 2009.

An Arraignment Court Magistrate's powers and duties include administering oaths and affirmations, presiding at preliminary arraignments, issuing criminal complaints, fixing bail, appointing counsel in certain cases, scheduling Municipal Court trials and preliminary hearings, and issuing arrest warrants and search and seizure warrants.

No individual may be appointed or serve as an Arraignment Court Magistrate unless he/she meets the following minimum qualifications:

1. He/she resides within Philadelphia County.
2. He/she is, and has been, for at least four years, a member in good standing of the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and has been engaged in the active practice of law for that minimum period.
 - (a) The Court may consider as substitute experience for the active practice of law the following, including any combination thereof:
 - Judge of a State Court of Record or other state judicial officer.
 - Attorney for federal or state agencies.
 - Law clerk to any judge or judicial officer.
 - (b) Persons who do not meet the qualifications of Subsection (2) above may qualify by completing a course of training and instructions in the duties of an Arraignment Court Magistrate and pass an examination prior to assuming office as provided by Title 42 Pa. C.S.A. 3111 et seq.
3. He/she must be competent to perform the duties of the office, of good, moral character, emotionally stable and mature, committed to equal justice under the law, in good health, patient, courteous, and capable of deliberation and decisiveness when required to act on his/her own reason and judgment.
4. He/she must not be 70 years of age or older except in the case of retired or

- senior judges.
5. Arraignment Court Magistrates shall not hold another office or position of profit in the government of the United States, the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, except in the armed services of the United States or the Commonwealth.

/s/ MARSHA H. NEIFIELD

**MARSHA H. NEIFIELD
PRESIDENT JUDGE
PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT**