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LEO I. BRISBOIS APPOINTED U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE IN DULUTH

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (August 25, 2010) Chief U.S. District Court Judge Michael J. Davis is pleased to announce the appointment of Leo I. Brisbois to the position of United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota. Davis notes the importance of this appointment: “The U.S. Magistrate Judge in Duluth serves a large area across northern Minnesota. Leo Brisbois was raised in Hibbing, and his family are also members of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe Indians. He is an experienced litigator and enjoys an outstanding reputation for maintaining the highest ethical standards and a commitment to public service, including his recent leadership as President of the Minnesota State Bar Association. The Bench is confident that Brisbois will bring to the courtroom the same leadership, respect for others and commitment to service which he has demonstrated throughout his career.” Brisbois will take the oath of office in the U.S. Courthouse in Minneapolis on August 30, and a formal ceremony will be held this fall in the Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse in Duluth.

Chief Judge Davis and his colleagues appointed an eleven member panel of attorneys and business professionals to advise the court on candidates. Stephanie Ball, Chair of the Merit Selection Panel, has this to say: “Leo Brisbois has a long-standing reputation for fairness and commitment to equal justice under law. We were pleased as a committee to recommend him as a finalist to the Bench.”

Brisbois, 48, was born in Aurora, Minnesota, and raised in Hibbing, Minnesota. He graduated from Hibbing High School, and received his undergraduate and law school degrees from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. Since 1991, he has been with the Minneapolis law firm of Stich, Angell, Kreidler, Dodge & Unke, PA, where he is a partner, and prior to that, he served in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps of the United States Army for three years. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Minnesota State Bar Association, the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association, the 1st, 4th and Iron Range District Bar Associations, and he is a member of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association.

United States Magistrate Judges are appointed by the Judges of the U.S. District Court for a term of eight years, and are eligible for reappointment to successive terms. Brisbois will join Magistrate Judges Boylan, Mayeron, Graham and Keyes in St. Paul, Magistrate Judges Noel and Nelson in Minneapolis, and part-time Magistrate Judge Mary Kay Klein in Bemidji.