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**JEFFREY J. KEYES  
APPOINTED U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (April 23, 2008) Chief U.S. District Court Judge James M. Rosenbaum is pleased to announce the appointment of Jeffrey J. Keyes to the position of United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota. Keyes will take the oath of office in the U.S. Courthouse in Minneapolis on April 28, 2008. He will temporarily maintain judicial chambers in Minneapolis until the renovation project of the Warren E. Burger Courthouse is complete this fall. He will then maintain chambers in St. Paul.

Keyes will fill the position created by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts. Judge Rosenbaum and his colleagues appointed a nine-member panel of attorneys and business professionals to advise the court on candidates. Keyes was among a group of highly qualified finalists considered by the Merit Selection Panel. Jeanette Bazis, Chair of the Merit Selection Panel, has this to say about Keyes: "Jeff Keyes is well known as an outstanding litigator, and as a lawyer devoted to pro bono and public service. His stature in the legal community is well deserved -- he has spent his career ably serving diverse clients in complex matters, while maintaining the highest ethical standards. The committee is confident that Keyes will bring to the courtroom the same outstanding traits he brought to his practice."

Keyes, 61, was born in New York City, New York, and is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan, where he earned his J.D. He is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, American Bar Association, Hennepin County Bar Association, is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and former Chair of the District of Minnesota Federal Practice Committee.

Prior to his appointment as a U.S. Magistrate Judge, Keyes was a shareholder at Briggs and Morgan, P.A. since 1986. Prior to practicing with Briggs and Morgan, Keyes was a partner with Gray Plant Mooty Mooty & Bennett.

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. Keyes will join Chief Magistrate Judge Raymond L. Erickson in Duluth, Magistrate Judges Franklin L. Noel and Susan Richard Nelson in Minneapolis, Arthur J. Boylan, Janie S. Mayeron, and Jeanne J. Graham in St. Paul, and part-time Magistrate Judge Mary Kay Klein in Bemidji.

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