



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**District of Minnesota**  
202 U.S. Courthouse  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SUSAN RICHARD NELSON TO TAKE FEDERAL COURT OATH**

On December 22, 2010, Susan Richard Nelson will become the 34<sup>th</sup> person to serve on Minnesota's federal bench. Nelson is currently a Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota. Her oath of office will be administered by Chief U.S. District Judge Michael J. Davis in a private ceremony, and her public investiture ceremony will be held at a later date.

Nelson was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota on June 1, 2000. Prior to that, she practiced civil trial law for 22 years, primarily in complex product liability and mass tort matters, including her service on the team representing the State of Minnesota and Blue Cross in the landmark 1998 Minnesota Tobacco Trial.

Nelson was nominated by President Barack Obama on April 21, 2010 and his nomination was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on December 17, 2010. She will fill the vacancy created when Judge James M. Rosenbaum took senior status.

Nelson will be chambered in the St. Paul Courthouse at 316 North Robert Street.