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**District of Minnesota**  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**STEVEN E. RAU**  
**APPOINTED U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Chief U.S. District Court Judge Michael J. Davis is pleased to announce the appointment of Steven E. Rau to the position of United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota. Rau took the oath of office in the U.S. Courthouse in Minneapolis on January 14. A formal ceremony will be held at a later date.

Chief Judge Davis and his colleagues appointed an eleven member panel of attorneys and business professionals to advise the court on candidates. Bill Manning, Chair of the Merit Selection Panel, has this to say: "The Panel was very impressed with Mr. Rau's demonstrated commitment to making sure that the Justice System is available to all. Mr. Rau will be a fine U.S. Magistrate Judge as he brings a depth and breadth of legal experience representing individuals and corporations in a wide range of cases."

Rau, 54, was born and raised in Massachusetts. He received his undergraduate degree from Carleton College and his law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. Since 2000, he has been a Partner with the Minneapolis law firm of Flynn, Gaskins, Bennett, LLP. Prior to that, he was with the Minneapolis law firm Lindquist & Vennum and a law clerk with Chief Justice Douglas K. Amdahl. He is admitted to practice in a number of Districts and has been very active in the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar 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. Rau will join Chief Magistrate Judge Boylan and Magistrate Judge Noel in Minneapolis, Magistrate Judges Mayeron, Graham and Keyes in St. Paul, Magistrate Judge Brisbois in Duluth, and part-time Magistrate Judge Mary Kay Klein in Bemidji. Rau will chamber in the St. Paul courthouse.