



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
District of Minnesota
202 U.S. Courthouse
300 South Fourth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

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February 22, 2012

NOTICE

**COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE ARTHUR J. BOYLAN**

The current appointment of United States Magistrate Judge Arthur J. Boylan of Minneapolis, Minnesota is due to expire on October 31, 2012. As required by law, Chief U.S. District Judge Michael J. Davis and the Court have established the following Merit Selection Panel of citizens to advise them on the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Boylan to a new eight-year term.

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The Panel invites comments from members of the bar and the public as to whether incumbent U.S. Magistrate Judge Boylan should be recommended for reappointment. Comments should be directed **no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2012**, to:

U.S. District Court Clerk's Office
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Duties of U.S. Magistrate Judges include presiding at the trials of criminal petty offenses and misdemeanors; presiding at civil trials with the consent of the parties; conducting pretrial and discovery proceedings in civil and criminal cases and hearings related to motions; conducting settlement conferences; setting conditions of release on bail; appointing counsel for indigent defendants; and performing such other duties as may be assigned by the Court. U.S. Magistrate Judges are appointed by the U.S. District Court for an eight-year term and may be reappointed to successive terms.