



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

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January 29, 2013

NOTICE

**COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGES FRANKLIN L. NOEL AND JEANNE J. GRAHAM**

The current appointments of United States Magistrate Judges Franklin L. Noel of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Jeanne J. Graham of Saint Paul, Minnesota are due to expire. 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 Noel and Magistrate Judge Graham to new eight-year terms.

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The Panel invites comments from members of the bar and the public as to whether incumbent U.S. Magistrate Judge Noel and incumbent U.S. Magistrate Judge Graham should be recommended for reappointment. Comments should be directed **no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2013** 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.