

MARY KAY KLEIN
APPOINTED PART-TIME U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (January 2, 2003) – Chief U.S. District Court Judge James M. Rosenbaum has announced the appointment of Mary Kay Klein to the position of part-time U.S. Magistrate Judge in Bemidji for the District of Minnesota. Ms. Klein will take the oath of office in the U.S. Courthouse in Minneapolis on Friday, January 3. Magistrate Judge Klein may decide to hold a formal investiture ceremony at a later date.

Ms. Klein's appointment fills a vacancy left by Randall Burg, who resigned from the position in June. She was among a group of finalists recommended by a Merit Selection Panel appointed by the U.S. District Court Bench. Klein's duties will include signing warrants and complaints, holding initial appearances, and handling petty offense and traffic court.

Ms. Klein graduated with Honors from St. Cloud State University and received her J.D. from the University of North Dakota Law School. She is a member of the American Bar Association, Minnesota State Bar Association, Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, Council of School Board Attorneys, and the Beltrami County Bar Association.

After completing a two year federal clerkship in 1982, Klein entered private practice in Bemidji where she is currently a sole practitioner with Klein Law Firm, Ltd. Her practice includes family, personal injury and school law, as well as mediation. The part-time nature of her appointment will allow Ms. Klein to continue her private practice after she assumes her U.S. Magistrate Judge duties.

Part-time U.S. Magistrate Judges are appointed by the Judges of the U.S. District Court for a term of four years, and are subject to reappointment to successive terms. Klein joins Chief Magistrate Judge Jonathan G. Lebedoff in Minneapolis, Magistrate Judges Franklin L. Noel in Minneapolis, Raymond L. Erickson in Duluth, Arthur J. Boylan in St. Paul, Susan Richard Nelson in St. Paul, and Retired Magistrate Judge J. Earl Cudd in Minneapolis.

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