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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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Attorney Jeanette Bazis Named to Chair Federal Judicial Panel

The United States District Court is pleased to announce that Minneapolis Attorney Jeanette Bazis has been appointed to chair a Merit Selection Panel that will advise the Court on the Selection of a new United States Magistrate Judge.

Bazis will chair a nine-member Panel appointed by the U.S. District Judges of the District of Minnesota to review applications, interview prospective candidates, and make recommendations to the Judges for the appointment. In addition to Bazis, the panel will include:

Vivian Mason
Roberta Cordano
Deborah Ellingboe, Esq.
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Jeremy Lane, Esq.
Tom Nelson, Esq.
The Honorable Lucy Wieland

U.S. Magistrate Judges are appointed by the Judges of the U.S. District Court for an eight-year term, and are eligible for re-appointment to successive terms. The position will be in either Minneapolis or St. Paul. The current salary of the federal post is \$151,984.

The official application is available on the Court's website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov.

The original completed application and nine copies must be received at the address listed above no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2007. Completed applications may not be e-mailed and disks will not be accepted.