

Dated: June 14, 2007

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

### COMMENT PERIOD FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE RAYMOND L. ERICKSON

The current appointment of United States Magistrate Judge Raymond L. Erickson of Duluth, Minnesota is due to expire on February 19, 2008. As required by law, Chief U.S. District Judge James M. Rosenbaum and the Court have established the following Merit Selection Panel of citizens to advise them on the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Erickson 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 Erickson should be recommended for reappointment. Comments should be directed **no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 13, 2007**, to:

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Persons wishing to comment in person to the Panel concerning possible reappointment of Magistrate Judge Erickson are advised that a public hearing for that purpose will be held in Courtroom 3 at the U.S. Courthouse in Duluth at 515 West First Street from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. on August 27.

Duties of U.S. Magistrate Judges include presiding at the trial 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.