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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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**United States District Court Reappoints  
Magistrate Judge Raymond L. Erickson**

Chief Judge James M. Rosenbaum and the members of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota are pleased to announce the reappointment of U.S. Magistrate Judge Raymond L. Erickson to his federal judicial post in Duluth, Minnesota. Erickson was originally appointed by the federal court in 1992. He renewed his oath of office in the presence of the court on January 3. His new and third eight-year term begins on February 19, 2008.

The reappointment is based on the recommendation of the Merit Selection Panel which was chaired by Tadd Johnson, and also included members Steven Reyelts, Stephen Rufer, Paul Rajkowski, Elizabeth Storaasli, Patty Wheeler and Fred Morris. The Panel solicited comment from the public and the bar. After its thorough review, the Panel unanimously recommended the reappointment.