

**Dated: May 2, 2006**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT  
PART-TIME U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE MARY KAY KLEIN**

The current appointment of Part-time United States Magistrate Judge Mary Kay Klein of Bemidji, Minnesota, is due to expire on January 2, 2007. 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 Klein to a new four-year term:

Judge Paul W. Day - Chair (Onamia)  
Deborah A. Ellingboe, Esq. (Minneapolis)  
Judge Robert Blaeser - (Minneapolis)  
Mr. Stephen F. Rufer, Esq. - (Fergus Falls)

Comments are invited from members of the bar and the public as to whether the incumbent U.S. Magistrate Judge Klein should be recommended by the Panel for reappointment by the Court, and should be directed **no later than June 30, 2006** to:

Judge Paul W. Day (PANEL CHAIR)  
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court  
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Onamia, MN 56359  
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Persons wishing to comment in person to the Panel are advised that a public hearing for that purpose will be held in Bemidji on July 10 between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Beltrami County Courthouse located at 619 Beltrami Ave. N.W. on the main floor court annex.

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 hearing related 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. Part-time U.S. Magistrate Judges are appointed by the U.S. District Court for a four-year term and may be reappointed to successive terms.