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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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**U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE RAYMOND L. ERICKSON NAMED
CHIEF MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Effective September 21, 2005, Magistrate Judge Raymond L. Erickson will be the Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota. The current Chief Magistrate Judge, Jonathan Lebedoff, will retire from the federal bench on September 20.

Magistrate Judge Erickson was first appointed on February 19, 1992, and reappointed in 2000. In 1990, he served on the Minnesota Supreme Court's Uniform Local Rules Task Force, which drafted what ultimately was promulgated as the Minnesota General Rules of Practice for the District Court. During the period from 1994 through 1998, he served on the Executive Committee of the ABA's National Conference of Federal Trial Judges. He is currently a member of the Federal Bar Association, the Federal Magistrate Judge's Association, the Minnesota State Bar Association, and the Eleventh District Bar Association. Magistrate Judge Erickson is located in Duluth.