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Federal Court Appoints Panel to Consider the Reappointment of Magistrate Judge Arthur J. Boylan

Chief Judge James M. Rosenbaum and his colleagues of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota have announced the appointment of individuals to serve on a Merit Selection Panel that will consider the reappointment of U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur J. Boylan to his federal judicial post. Boylan was originally appointed by the federal court in 1996, and has applied for reappointment.

In making the announcement in Minneapolis, Chief Judge Rosenbaum designated Minneapolis Attorney Hal Field to chair the Panel. Also appointed were Attorneys Jean Holloway, William Manning, William Tipping and Gregory Karpenko; and lay members Debra Sit and Sharon Sayles Belton.

Comments are invited from members of the bar and the public as to whether the incumbent U.S. Magistrate Judge Boylan should be recommended by the Panel for reappointment, and should be directed **no later than Friday, April 2, 2004** to Hal Field, Merit Selection Panel Chair, Leonard, Street and Deinard, 150 South Fifth Street, Suite 2300, Minneapolis, MN 55402, 612-335-1533, hal.field@leonard.com.

Persons wishing to comment in person to the Panel are advised that a public hearing for that purpose will be held in Courtroom 4 on the 7th floor of the United States Courthouse, 316 North Robert Street, in St. Paul from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 16, 2004.

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; issuing arrest warrants and summonses; issuing search warrants; conducting proceedings on initial appearance of a defendant; holding preliminary hearings; conducting settlement conferences; setting conditions for 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.