

Dated: September 28, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

COMMENT PERIOD FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE SUSAN RICHARD NELSON

The current appointment of United States Magistrate Judge Susan Richard Nelson of Minneapolis, Minnesota is due to expire on May 31, 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 Nelson 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 Nelson should be recommended for reappointment. Comments should be directed **no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 27, 2007**, to:

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Persons wishing to comment in person to the Panel concerning possible reappointment of

Magistrate Judge Nelson are advised that a public hearing for that purpose will be held in Courtroom 15 at the U.S. Courthouse in Minneapolis at 300 South Fourth Street from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. on December 11, 2007.

Duties of U.S. Magistrate Judges include (1) presiding at the trial of criminal petty offenses and misdemeanors; (2) presiding at civil trials with the consent of the parties; (3) conducting pretrial and discovery proceedings in civil and criminal cases and hearings related to motions; (4) conducting settlement conferences; (5) setting conditions of release on bail; (6) appointing counsel for indigent defendants; (7) 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.