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**The District of Minnesota Reappoints
Magistrate Judge Susan Richard Nelson**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (May 2, 2008) Chief Judge James M. Rosenbaum and the members of the federal court bench in Minnesota are pleased to announce the reappointment of U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan Richard Nelson to a second eight-year term of office. Nelson renewed her oath with the Court this morning, and her new term begins on June 1, 2008.

The reappointment is based on the recommendation of the Merit Selection Panel chaired by Robert Weinstine, and also included members Linda Holstein, Joe Anthony, Diane Page, Linda Picone, Monte Mills, Deborah Ellingboe, Carolyn Wolski, and William Tipping. The panel reviewed Nelson's work, interviewed numerous lawyers and litigants, and received a significant number of public comments on her work as a judicial officer. After its thorough review, the Panel unanimously recommended to the court that she be reappointed.

**Richard D. Sletten
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