



# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## District of Minnesota

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### PRESS RELEASE

### HILDY BOWBEER APPOINTED U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Michael J. Davis, Chief U.S. District Court Judge, is pleased to announce the appointment of Hildy Bowbeer to the position of United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota. Magistrate Judge Bowbeer took the oath of office in the U.S. Courthouse in Minneapolis on June 23, 2014. A formal investiture ceremony will be held at a later date. Bowbeer will begin hearing cases on July 14, 2014.

The U.S. District Judges of the District of Minnesota appointed a thirteen-member Merit Selection Panel to review applications, interview prospective candidates, and recommend to the District Judges the candidates they deemed best qualified for the position. Minneapolis attorneys Lewis Remele, Jr. and Rachna Sullivan co-chaired the Panel.

Bowbeer, 57, was born in West Virginia and raised in Iowa. She received her undergraduate degree in Spanish from Central College in Pella, Iowa, and her law degree from the University of Michigan in 1979. Following her graduation, she served as a law clerk to Justice C. Donald Peterson of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Since 1997, she has been an attorney with 3M Company, first managing product liability and mass tort litigation and then, as a member of 3M's Office of Intellectual Property Counsel, managing the company's intellectual property litigation. Prior to joining 3M, Bowbeer was a founding partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Bowman and Brooke, where she had a national trial and appellate practice in product liability litigation, after beginning her legal practice with Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty and Bennett. Bowbeer is a member of the American Law Institute and the Sedona Conference Working Group on Patent Litigation Best Practices, and has been active on the Federal Practice Committee for the District of Minnesota. She is a past chair of the Board of Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, and served eight years on the Judicial Selection Commission. She has written and spoken at conferences around the country on litigation management, electronic discovery, and mediation of intellectual property cases.

United States Magistrate Judges are appointed by the District Judges of the U.S. District Court for a term of eight years and are eligible for reappointment to successive terms. Magistrate Judge Bowbeer will chamber in the Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in St. Paul.