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Notice of Merit Selection Panel Appointment

The United States District Court is pleased to announce that attorneys Mary Al Balber and Steve Rufer have been appointed by Chief Judge John R. Tunheim to co-chair a Merit Selection Panel. The Panel will advise the Court on the reappointment of U.S. Magistrate Judge Leo I. Brisbois.

Balber and Rufer will co-chair a ten-member Panel appointed by the Court to review: (1) Magistrate Judge Brisbois' current service as magistrate judge and other experience; (2) the comments from members of the bar and public; and (3) other evidence of the incumbent's good character, ability, and commitment to equal justice under the law. The Panel members are:

Mary Al Balber, Esq. – Co-Chair
Steve Rufer, Esq. – Co-Chair
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The Court issued a public notice on October 23, 2017, inviting comments from members of the bar and the public as to whether U.S. Magistrate Judge Leo I. Brisbois should be recommended for reappointment. Comments should be received by 5:00 p.m. (CST) on Friday, December 1, 2017. For additional information, visit the Court's website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov.