



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**District of Minnesota**  
202 U.S. Courthouse  
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Minneapolis, MN 55415

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF VACANCY**  
**U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Due to the upcoming retirement of U.S. Magistrate Judge Raymond Erickson on August 27, 2010, the District of Minnesota is seeking applicants for a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Duluth, Minnesota. The successful candidate will chamber in Duluth, but will have assignment of cases throughout the district, including the Twin Cities and Fergus Falls. Regular travel will be required. The duties of Magistrate Judges are enumerated in 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Rule 72.1, and include presiding over initial proceedings in criminal cases; trials of misdemeanor cases, including petty offenses; pretrial matters and other proceedings in civil and criminal cases; conducting civil settlement conferences; and disposition of civil cases with consent of the parties.

A Merit Selection Panel comprising attorneys and members of the community will review applications for the position in confidence and recommend to the Judges of the U.S. District Court the persons it considers best qualified to fill the position. The Court will interview the finalists and make the appointment following a background investigation of the appointee. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates including women and members of minority groups. The salary of the position is \$160,080 per year and the position will be located in Duluth. The term of office is eight years, and incumbents may be reappointed to successive terms. Applications are invited from individuals who meet the following qualifications:

- At least five years membership in the bar of the highest court of a state;
- Active practice of law for at least five years;
- Competent to perform all the duties of the office as specified in 28 U.S.C. 636;
- Be less than 70 years old; and
- Not related to a judge of the U.S. District Court

The official application is available on the Court's website at [www.mnd.uscourts.gov](http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov).

**The original complete application and nine copies must be received at the address listed above no later than 5:00 p.m., Central Time, on Friday, February 26, 2010. Completed applications may not be e-mailed and disks will not be accepted.**