## PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

In anticipation of the retirement of Chief United States Magistrate Judge Paul A. Zoss, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa is going through the appointment process for a full-time United States Magistrate Judge to chamber in Sioux City, Iowa.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and include but are not limited to: (1) conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases, including plea hearings; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from district judges; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least 5 years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the district judges in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants, including women and members of minority groups. The current annual salary of the position is \$160,080. The position will become available June 11, 2012, and the term of office is eight years.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position in this court may be obtained from the Clerk of the District Court at 320 Sixth Street, Sioux City, IA 51101 or 4200 C Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. The form is also available on the court's website at <a href="https://www.iand.uscourts.gov">www.iand.uscourts.gov</a>. Applications must be submitted only by the applicant personally and the original and fifteen (15) copies must be received in the Clerk's Office, 4200 C Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa by Monday, August 29, 2011. Submissions by email or fax will not be accepted.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

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