

## **REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The current term of the office of the United States Magistrate Judge John M. Roper is due to expire July 31, 2007. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge position include the following: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to:

Vicki Leggett, Chair  
Magistrate Selection Panel  
c/o Zachary & Leggett  
P. O. Box 15848  
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Comments must be received by March 30, 2007.