



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGES**

**The current terms of office of United States Magistrate Judges Geraldine Soat Brown and P. Michael Mahoney will expire on June 18, 2008 and May 26, 2008, respectively.**

**Magistrate Judge Brown is full-time United States magistrate judge in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, with a regular place of office at Chicago, Illinois. Magistrate Judge Mahoney is full-time United States magistrate judge in the Western Division of the Northern District of Illinois, with a regular place of office at Rockford, Illinois. Their responsibilities include the conduct of preliminary proceedings in federal criminal cases, the trial and disposition of federal misdemeanor cases upon consent of the litigants, the conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on reference from a district judge of the court, and the trial and disposition of federal civil cases upon consent of the litigants.**

**A further description of the position is contained in the Federal Magistrate Judges Act, Title 28 U.S.C. §§631-636, and in the Local Rules for the Northern District of Illinois.**

**In deciding to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judges Brown and Mahoney to new eight-year terms, the Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointments. In order to assist the panel, the Court requests comments from members of the bar and public regarding these reappointments.**

**Written comments should be directed to:**

**Magistrate Judge Advisory Panel  
c/o Mr. Michael W. Dobbins  
Clerk of Court  
U.S. District Court  
219 South Dearborn St. - Rm. 2050  
Chicago, IL 60604**

**Comments must be received at the above address by the close of business on Friday, January 18, 2008.**

**Further inquiries regarding the magistrate judge reappointment process should be directed to the Office of the Clerk at (312) 435-5359.**