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2014 MAGISTRATE JUDGE MERIT REVIEW PANEL APPOINTED

CHICAGO - Chief Judge Rubén Castillo announced that he appointed a Magistrate Judge Merit Review Panel to consider the reappointment of United States Magistrate Judge Sidney I. Schenkier, whose term will expire on October 29, 2014.

Under the law, the Panel must submit its report and recommendation by September 12, 2014. By regulation the Panel must include at least two non-lawyers*. The final decision will be made by the judges of the District Court.

Patricia Brown Holmes of Schiff Hardin LLP will serve as the Chairperson of the well-qualified and diverse Panel. The other members of the Panel are Joseph M. Gagliardo of Laner Muchin, Ltd., Carolyn Grisko* of Grisko & Associates, Assistant United States Attorney Nathalina Hudson, Assistant Inspector General Spiridoula (Litza) Mavrothalasitis, Jonathan McCabe* of McCabe Consulting, Deputy Director John F. Murphy of the Federal Defender Program, Vice President and General Counsel of DePaul University Jose Padilla, Samuel S. Park of Winston & Strawn, Stephen H. Pugh of Pugh Jones Johnson, M. David Weisman, of Miller Shakman & Beem, and Zaldwaynaka (Z) Scott of Kaye Scholer.

Judge Castillo stated, "This all-star panel of attorneys and citizens deserves the public's thanks for agreeing to work, without pay, on behalf of the citizens of the Northern District of Illinois." The Court fully expects this panel to continue to work on any future vacancies that may occur within the ranks of our outstanding Magistrate Judge bench.

The Court looks forward to receiving the Panel's report and hopes to make its decision by September 2014.