



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

REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGES

The current terms of office of United States Magistrate Judges Jeffrey N. Cole and Maria G. Valdez will expire on May 5, 2013 and May 19, 2013, respectively.

Magistrate Judges Cole and Valdez are full-time United States magistrate judges in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, with a regular place of office at Chicago, 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 Cole and Valdez 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. Thomas G. Bruton
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, February 22, 2013.

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