



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

**REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Jeffrey Cole will expire on May 5, 2021.

Magistrate Judge Cole is a 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. His responsibilities include conducting preliminary proceedings in federal criminal cases, the trial and disposition of federal misdemeanor cases upon consent of the litigants, conducting 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 Judge Cole to a new eight-year term, the Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment. In order to assist the panel, the Court requests comments from members of the bar and public regarding this reappointment.

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. 2050A  
Chicago, IL 60604

Comments must be received at the above address by the close of business on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Further inquiries regarding the magistrate judge reappointment process should be directed to the Office of the Clerk at (312) 435-5359.