



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

REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Maria Valdez will expire on May 19, 2021.

Magistrate Judge Valdez 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. Her 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 Valdez 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.