

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **IN RE: UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The current terms of office of United States Magistrate Judges Susan S. Cole and Walter R. Johnson are due to expire on March 6, and March 17, 2010, respectively. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of these magistrate judges to new eight-year terms.

The duties of a magistrate judge position include the following: 1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; 2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; 3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and 4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of litigants.

Written comments from members of the bar and the public are invited on whether the panel should recommend Magistrate Judges Cole and Johnson for reappointment by the court. Comments should be directed to:

Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel  
c/o James N. Hatten, Acting District Court Executive  
2015 U.S. Courthouse, 75 Spring Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Comments must be received by 4:45 p.m., on September 15, 2009.