

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The current term of the office of the United States Magistrate Scott Oravec at Fairbanks, Alaska is due to expire in February, 2017. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new four year term.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging: (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 the litigants. The basic jurisdiction of the United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to:

Chair, Merit Selection Panel  
United States District Court  
222 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Box 46  
Anchorage, Alaska 99513

**Comments must be received by close of business November 30, 2016.**