

PUBLIC NOTICE
REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Karen L. Strombom at Tacoma, Washington is due to expire April 3, 2011. 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 eight-year term.

The duties of the Magistrate Judge position include the following:

(1) the trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; (2) conduct of preliminary proceedings in felony cases; (3) trial and disposition at the Federal Courthouse in Tacoma of petty and misdemeanor cases arising from outlying government facilities such as Fort Lewis, Bangor Naval Submarine Base, Mt. Rainier National park, Olympic National Park, and Bremerton Naval Shipyard; (4) trial and disposition of other federal misdemeanor cases; (5) assisting district judges in disposition of prisoner petitions and Social Security appeals; (6) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on reference from the judges of the District Court; (7) conducting settlement conferences.

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:

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U.S. Courthouse
700 Stewart Street, Suite 2310
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or by e-mail at mag_reappoint@wawd.uscourts.gov

Comments must be received by November 30, 2010.