

REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

The current term of the office of the United States Magistrate Judge John S. Kaull at Clarksburg, West Virginia is due to expire on August 12, 2009. 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 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 the litigants.

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: Elisabeth H. Rose, Chairperson, Rose, Padden & Petty, LC, P.O. Box 1307, Fairmont, WV 26555-1307.

Comments must be received by January 26, 2009.