

PUBLIC NOTICE

MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge James Larson is due to expire on May 27, 2005. 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 8-year term.

The duties of the 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 submitted in writing no later than October 15, 2004 to: **Richard W. Wieking, Clerk of the Court, United States District Court, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, P.O. Box 36060, San Francisco, CA 94102.**