

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR  
REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Charles S. Coody is due to expire April 30, 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 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 judges of the district court; (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; (5) examination and recommendation to the judges of the district court in regard to prisoner petitions and claims for Social Security benefits.

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  
c/o Debra P. Hackett, Clerk  
U.S. District Court  
P.O. Box 711  
Montgomery, AL 36101

Comments must be received by November 15, 2010.