

PUBLIC NOTICE  
REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The current eight-year term of office of United States Magistrate Judge James E. Gates at Raleigh, North Carolina will expire on January 26, 2014. 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 term.

The duties of a magistrate judge in this court include the following: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in a criminal case; (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. **All comments should be marked “confidential” and directed to Julie A. Richards, Clerk of Court, U.S. District Court, EDNC, 310 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.**

**Comments must be received by March 26, 2013.**