



## **NOTICE REGARDING REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The current term of office for United States Magistrate Judge John M. Conroy is due to expire on December 21, 2016. The United States District Court for the District of Vermont is required by law to establish a merit selection panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the incumbent to a new eight year term of office.

The duties of a United States Magistrate Judge include the following:

- (1) conducting preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
- (3) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district court judge; and
- (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the parties.

Members of the public and the court's bar are invited to comment on the incumbent's suitability for reappointment and may provide other pertinent evidence as to the incumbent's good character, judgment, legal ability, temperament, and commitment to the administration of equal justice under the law. Comments received will be reviewed by the merit selection panel.

All comments should be made in writing and must be received on or before May 13, 2016. Comments should be sent directly to:

In letter form to:

**Jeffrey S. Eaton, Clerk of Court**  
***Attn: Magistrate Judge Commentary***  
U.S. District Court  
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Via e-mail to:

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Subject: Magistrate Judge Commentary