

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The current term of the office of **United States Magistrate Judge Judith Gail Dein** will expire on July 30, 2016. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §631(b)(5) and regulations promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts will appoint a panel of citizens to advise the court concerning the reappointment of Judge Dein to a new eight-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge include, in criminal cases, the conduct of most preliminary proceedings, as well as trials and dispositions of misdemeanor offenses. In civil cases, the duties encompass managing various pretrial matters, presiding over evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the district judges, and conducting trials upon the consent of the litigants.

In aid of its review and evaluation of the incumbent's performance in office, the panel will consider comments from members of the bar and the public and any other evidence of Judge Dein's character, ability, fairness and commitment to equal justice. It will report its recommendations to the Court.

Comments from members of the bar and the public concerning the incumbent's qualifications for reappointment are invited and must be received by **March 11, 2016**. They should be marked "Confidential" and directed to:

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Clerk of Court
Attn: USMJ - Reappointment
United States District Court
1 Courthouse Way, Suite 2300
Boston, MA 02210

January 8, 2016

Robert M. Farrell
Clerk of Court