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**Press Release
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Court Announces Formation of Merit Selection Panel for Judge F.A. Gossett, III

The current term of United States Magistrate Judge F.A. Gossett, III, of the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska will expire on May 28, 2011. Magistrate Judge Gossett has decided to stand for reappointment to another eight-year term. As required by law, Chief United States District Judge Joseph F. Bataillon has appointed the following members to the merit selection panel:

Patricia A. Zieg, Chairperson	Michael J. Hansen
John Blackhawk	Professor Raneta Lawson Mack
Paul D. Boeshart	Dr. B.J. Reed
Maren L. Chaloupka	Melanie J. Whittamore-Mantzios

“The members of this merit panel represent outstanding citizens from the legal, academic, and nonlegal communities of our state. I am confident they will provide the court with the information it needs to make a decision concerning Judge Gossett’s reappointment,” said Chief Judge Bataillon.

Chief Judge Bataillon also noted, “The process of obtaining feedback from the public concerning Judge Gossett’s work is critical to the court’s continued judicial credibility.” To that end, the merit selection panel welcomes comments from the bar and the public on Magistrate Judge Gossett’s reappointment. Comments must be received by October 29, 2010, and should be directed to:

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The public notice and General Order No. 2010-08 appointing the merit selection panel are available on the court’s Web site at http://www.ned.uscourts.gov/publicNotices/Gossett_Reappointment.pdf, and http://www.ned.uscourts.gov/pom/orders/GO_2010-08.pdf.

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