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FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of the clerk of court, Peter A. Oppeneer, to act as a part-time United States magistrate judge for the Western District of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider such an appointment of Peter A. Oppeneer as a part-time magistrate judge.

The duties of a magistrate judge position include (1) conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trying and disposing of misdemeanor cases; (3) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) trying and disposing of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Members of the bar and the public are invited to comment on whether the clerk of court, Peter A. Oppeneer, should be recommended by the panel for appointment by the court as a part-time United States magistrate judge. Comments should be directed to Chief Judge Barbara B. Crabb, P.O. Box 591, Madison, WI 53701-0591.

Comments must be received by: April 16, 2009.