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Chief Judge Carol Bagley Amon announced today that the Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York have appointed a Magistrate Judge Selection Panel to consider the reappointment of Joan M. Azrack, incumbent U.S. Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District of New York, for a new eight (8) year term. The Panel will review the incumbent's performance as a Magistrate Judge and will consider comments received from members of the Bar and Public and any other pertinent evidence as to the incumbent's good character, judgment, legal ability, temperament, and commitment to equal justice under the law. All written comments received by the Panel will be carefully considered. Written comments should be directed to:

Magistrate Judge Selection Committee
c/o Clerk of Court
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

The Panel members are:

Robert L. Begleiter, Esq., Chairman
Ernest T. Bartol, Esq.
Professor Steven Dean
Richard C. Hamburger, Esq.
Robert C. Heinemann
Michael Hueston, Esq.
Henry Kennedy
Margaret Krumholz
Henry Putzel, Esq.
Manuel Quintana, Esq.
Diane Russo
Joseph W. Ryan, Jr., Esq.
Paul H. Schoeman, Esq.
Paul Siegfried, Esq.
Jean L. Tom
Joan Wexler
Carol L. Ziegler, Esq.

Within ninety (90) days of its appointment, the Panel must report to the Court as to whether it recommends the incumbent for reappointment for an additional term of office. All comments must be received by the Panel by **November 14, 2014.**