

## **COURT NOTICE**

### **REAPPOINTMENT OF ARRAIGNMENT COURT MAGISTRATES (FORMERLY KNOWN AS BAIL COMMISSIONERS) THE PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT**

The Philadelphia Municipal Court is required by Rule to establish a Arraignment Court Magistrate Selection Panel to consider the reappointment of its incumbent Arraignment Court Magistrates (formerly known as Bail Commissioners) to a new term of office. This Panel has been established and may be contacted through Kathleen M. Rapone, Deputy Court Administrator, Criminal Division, Room 208 Criminal Justice Center, 1301 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

A Bail Commissioner's powers and duties include administering oaths and affirmations, presiding at Preliminary Arraignments, assigning counsel in certain cases, issuing Criminal Complaints, setting Bail, scheduling Municipal Court Trials and Preliminary Hearings, and issuing Arrest Warrants and Search and Seizure Warrants.

On February 24, 2009 the current terms of the Bail Commissioners will expire. Public comment is invited concerning his/her appointment.

The deadline for submission of comments is January 19, 2009.

**LOUIS J. PRESENZA  
PRESIDENT JUDGE  
PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT**

**HONORABLE RONALD B. MERRIWEATHER  
CHAIR, ARRAIGNMENT COURT MAGISTRATE  
SELECTION PANEL**