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The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts has announced that as of March 15, 2006, Magistrate Judge Robert B. Collings was reappointed for the fourth time to an eight-year term. Judge Collings first was appointed as a Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in March 1982. He was reappointed for two additional eight-year terms in 1990 and 1998.

Magistrate Judge Collings served as Chief Magistrate Judge for the District of Massachusetts from 1999 until that term expired at the end of 2001. Judge Collings has been an instructor at seminars given by the Federal Judicial Center, as well as at continuing legal education events hosted by the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Boston Bar Association. He was a lecturer at law at Harvard Law School from 1988 to 1992, a lecturer at law at Northeastern Law School during the winter term 1989-90, and has been a guest lecturer at Stanford Law School for a number of years. In March 2001, the Judicial Conference of the United States elected him to a four-year term on the Federal Judicial Center Board. He served as president of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association for the 1994-95 year and has been legislative chair since then. He is currently serving as Chair of the National Conference of Federal Trial Judges, Judicial Division, American Bar Association.

Judge Collings is a 1964 graduate of Hamilton College where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He is a 1967 *cum laude* graduate of Harvard Law School. After law school, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps. In 1971, he joined the United States Attorney's Office in Boston. His tenure there lasted until 1982. In 1976, he became Chief of the Criminal Division and in 1978 became First Assistant United States Attorney.