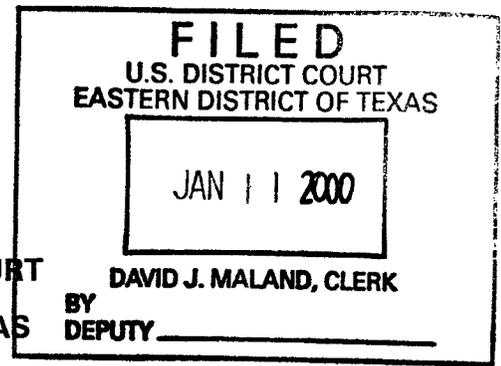


General Order No. 00-2



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**GENERAL ORDER REAPPOINTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE EARL S. HINES**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has voted to continue the magistrate judge's position currently occupied by Earl S. Hines for another eight-year term of office. Magistrate Judge Hines' current term of office expires on March 6, 2000.

A Merit Selection Panel was appointed to assist the Court in its determination as to the reappointment of the incumbent. The Panel reviewed Magistrate Judge Hines' performance in office, and unanimously recommended him for reappointment.

After due consideration of the report of the panel, the judges of this court hereby reappoint Earl S. Hines to a new term in the position of United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, effective March 6, 2000.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Schell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

RICHARD A. SCHELL  
Chief Judge