

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

GENERAL ORDER REAPPOINTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE EARL S. HINES

The Judicial Conference of United States has approved continuing the magistrate judge position in Beaumont occupied by Earl S. Hines for another eight-year term of office. Magistrate Judge Hines' current term of office expires on March 6, 2008.

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 active district judges of this court hereby unanimously reappoint Earl S. Hines to a new term in the position of United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, effective March 7, 2008.

Signed this 29 day of March, 2007.

FOR THE COURT:


THAD HEARTFIELD
Chief Judge