

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

GENERAL ORDER APPOINTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL

The current term of office for United States Magistrate Judge Earl S. Hines is due to expire on March 7, 2008. The judges of this court have voted to consider reappointing Judge Hines. Accordingly, in conformance with 28 U.S.C. § 631, it is ORDERED that the following persons are hereby appointed to serve on a Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel:

Dewey Gonsoulin, Esq. (Chair)
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The above-mentioned panel shall review the incumbent judge's current service as magistrate judge, the comments from members of the bar and public, and other evidence of the incumbent's good character, legal ability, temperament and commitment to equal justice under the law. The panel shall report to the court within sixty days of the date of this order as to whether the incumbent is recommended for reappointment.

Additionally, the clerk of court is directed to cause to be published public notices regarding the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Hines. The notices shall be published in conformance with the procedures specified in Chapter 13 of *The Selection, Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges* (Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts 2002).

Signed this 6th day of February, 2007.

FOR THE COURT:


THAD HEARTFIELD
Chief Judge