

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

GENERAL ORDER APPOINTING U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE ZACHARY J. HAWTHORN

After United States Magistrate Judge Earl S. Hines announced his retirement on August 1, 2011, the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council and the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judge System approved filling Judge Hines' vacancy in Beaumont. In its recent report and recommendation, the court-appointed Merit Selection Panel designated applicants it deemed to be most qualified to serve as magistrate judge. The district judges of this court interviewed the applicants and identified one of them as our next magistrate judge.

The court hereby appoints Zachary J. "Zack" Hawthorn to the position of United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, effective August 2, 2011, with a duty station of Beaumont.

Signed this 28 day of February, 2011.

FOR THE COURT:



DAVID FOLSOM
Chief Judge