

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

**GENERAL ORDER APPOINTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
MERIT SELECTION PANEL**

United States Magistrate Judge Earl S. Hines has announced his retirement effective August 1, 2011. The Fifth Circuit Judicial Council and the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judge System have approved filling Judge Hines' vacancy in Beaumont. Accordingly, in conformance with 28 U.S.C. § 631, it is hereby ORDERED that the following persons are appointed to serve on a Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel that will assist the court in selecting a new magistrate judge:

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The above-mentioned panel shall review each applicant's qualifications in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States. See Appendix H, *The Selection and Appointment of United States Magistrate Judges* (Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, March 2010). Within ninety days of the date of this order, the panel shall provide the court with an unranked list of five applicants that a majority of the members of the panel believe to be fully qualified to be a United States magistrate judge.

Signed this 6 day of December, 2010.

FOR THE COURT:



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DAVID FOLSOM  
Chief Judge