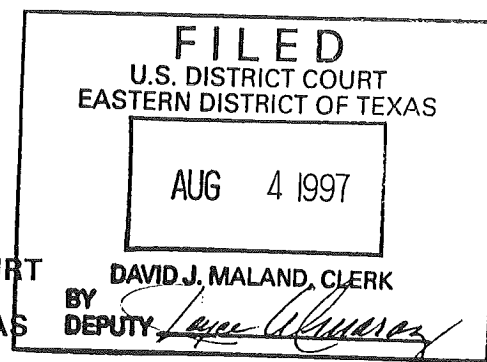


General Order No. 97-14

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



GENERAL ORDER APPOINTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL

The current terms of office for United States Magistrate Judges Harry W. McKee and Wendell Radford are due to expire in 1998. The judges of this court have voted to consider reappointing both magistrate judges. Accordingly, in conformance with 28 U.S.C. § 631, it is hereby ORDERED that the following persons are hereby appointed to serve on a Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel:

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The above-mentioned Panel shall review each incumbent magistrate judge's current service as magistrate judge and other experience, the comments from members of the bar and public and other evidence of each incumbent's character, ability and commitment to

equal justice under the law. The Panel shall report to the court within ninety days of the date of this order as to whether each of the incumbents is recommended for reappointment.

Additionally, the Clerk of Court is hereby directed to cause to be published public notices regarding the reappointment of each of the incumbent magistrate judges. The notices shall be published in conformance with the procedures specified in Section 2 of the *Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges*.

Signed this 31st day of July, 1997.

FOR THE COURT:



RICHARD A. SCHELL
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