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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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U.S. D'ST. COURT C. EAST. DIST. MICHIGAN

Administrative Order

Re:

Reappointment of Magistrate Judge

Charles E. Binder

No. 08-AO- 04

## ORDER OF REAPPOINTMENT

It appearing that the current term of United States Magistrate Judge Charles E. Binder expires on October 29, 2008; and

It further appearing that Magistrate Judge Binder has requested reappointment for another eight-year term beginning October 30, 2008 and continuing until October 29, 2016; and

It further appearing that a Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel appointed by this Court has recommended reappointment of Magistrate Judge Binder (copy attached); and

It further appearing that the Judges of this Court at their regular meeting on September 2, 2008 approved the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Binder, and have authorized the Chief Judge to enter this Order of Reappointment for the Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that United States Magistrate Judge Charles E. Binder is hereby reappointed for a fourth term beginning October 30, 2008 and continuing until October 29, 2016.

FOR THE COURT:

Bernard A. Friedman

Chief Judge

Attachment

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF MERIT SELECTION PANEL CONSIDERING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE CHARLES E. BINDER

By Administrative Order No 08-AO-019, a Merit Selection Panel was appointed to consider the reappointment of United States Magistrate Judge Charles E, Binder, whose term expires on October 29, 2008. The Panel met on July 17, 2008 and reviewed the summary of responses from the evaluation questionnaire sent to attorneys and comments received in response to the Public Notice. One member of the Panel was unable to attend the meeting.

The evaluations and comments indicate that Magistrate Judge Binder is highly regarded by attorneys for his integrity, knowledge and understanding of the law, communication skills, written opinions, preparation, demeanor, judgment and punctuality. Negative comments and low ratings on the attorney evaluations were very few in comparison to the great number of positive comments and high ratings in all categories. The comments received in response to the Public Notice were all very complimentary of Magistrate Judge Binder and in support of reappointment. Similarly, the Panel members' own experiences with Magistrate Judge Binder and the input Panel members solicited from their colleagues mirrored the positive comments seen in the attorney evaluations.

The Panel also interviewed Magistrate Judge Binder on July 17, 2008. Magistrate Judge Binder's responses to questions and his demeanor during the interview were consistent with the positive evaluations and public comments. His responses were thorough, well thought out and

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demonstrated his great respect for the federal judicial system and the importance of the role Magistrate Judges play in that system.

Based on the above, the members of the Panel who participated in the July 17, 2008 meeting and interview voted unanimously to recommend reappointment. Therefore, the Panel hereby recommends that Magistrate Judge Charles E. Binder be reappointed to another eight year term.

Dated: July 31, 2008

Jami Hecht Misidis, Chair

Kenneth R. Sasse By: 94N

Kenneth R. Sasse, Vice-Chair