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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

IN RE )  
THE REAPPOINTMENT OF )  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE )  
THOMAS D. THALKEN )

**STANDING ORDER**  
NO. 00- 14

Magistrate Judge Thomas D. Thalken has sought reappointment. On May 26, 2000, the active district judges of this court unanimously voted to consider reappointment of the incumbent magistrate judge pursuant to the alternative selection method provided by Sections 6.02 and 6.03 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.

On June 1, 2000, the court unanimously appointed Raneta Lawson Mack, Professor of Law at the Creighton University School of Law, as chairperson of the reappointment committee. The judges also unanimously appointed the following additional committee members: David R. Stickman, Federal Public Defender, Thomas J. Monaghan, United States Attorney, Amy L. Longo, President of the Nebraska State Bar Association, Linda Crump, Assistant to the Chancellor for Equity, Access and Diversity Programs at the University of Nebraska, William J. "Bill" Riley, President-Elect of the Omaha Bar Association, Dr. Nancy Biggs, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources of the Lincoln Public Schools, and Dr. James L. Armitage, M.D., Dean, College of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

On or about June 4, 2000, the public notice required by the regulations was published in the Omaha World-Herald, the Lincoln Journal Star, and the Daily Record. It ran for three weeks. In addition, the public notice was posted on the court's Internet site. Furthermore, e-mail notice was given to attorneys who have

signed up to receive notices via e-mail by the court. Lastly, the notice was mailed to all the active attorneys in the court's database. A sample of the public notice is attached hereto.

Eighty-five written comments were received and forwarded to the committee. The committee held an initial conference on July 26, 2000. Thereafter, and on August 17, 2000, the committee met with Judge Thalken. On August 28, 2000, the committee submitted a detailed report to the court with its recommendations. The committee found:

Based upon the above information and evidence, the panel concludes that Magistrate Judge Thomas D. Thalken has performed the duties of magistrate judge with honor and integrity. He has also exhibited the necessary judgment, legal ability, temperament and commitment to equal justice under the law to be recommended for reappointment to another term in office. Therefore, the panel enthusiastically recommends that Magistrate Judge Thomas D. Thalken be reappointed to another eight-year term as Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court, District of Nebraska.

The active district judges considered the report and recommendation of the selection panel on September 8, 2000. After careful consideration, the active district judges unanimously voted to reappoint Magistrate Judge Thomas D. Thalken to another eight-year term in office. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that:

(1) The court confirms the previously mentioned unanimous appointment by the active district judges of a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Thomas D. Thalken to an eight-year term pursuant to Sections 6.02 and 6.03 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.

(2) The court confirms that the previously mentioned notice was given to the public as required by law.

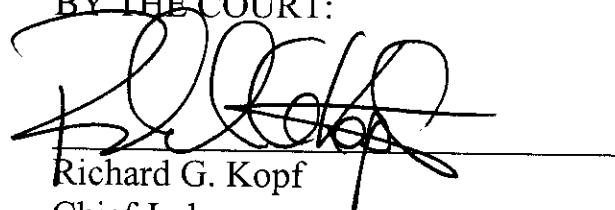
(3) The court confirms that it received the previously mentioned report of the committee.

(4) The court confirms that by unanimous vote of the active district judges, Thomas D. Thalken is reappointed as United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Nebraska, effective January 4, 2001, for a period of eight years.

(5) The Clerk of the Court shall provide a copy of this memorandum and order with the attached notice to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Magistrate's Judges Division, together with AO Form 79A.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000.

BY THE COURT:



Richard G. Kopf  
Chief Judge