

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**IN RE: COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE E-GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2002
AND POSTING OF OPINIONS BY THE COURT** **Misc. No.**_____

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This court's district judges have considered the implications of the E-Government Act of 2002 and its requirement that courts provide "[a]ccess to the substance of all written opinions issued by the court, regardless of whether such opinions are to be published in the official court reporter, in a text searchable format, Pub. L. 107-347 §205(a)(5), except for "[d]ocuments that are not otherwise available to the public, such as documents filed under seal." *Id.* §205(c)(2). The court directs that the following be treated as "written opinions" within the meaning of the Act and made available to the public through the Pacer system:

(1) each order entered by a district judge except for (a) any routine order that only announces a non-case-dispositive ruling without supporting reasoning, such as, for example, an order stating only that a motion is granted or denied, (b) any order filed under seal, and (c) any other order that, for good cause arising from the specific circumstances, the issuing judge determines is not a "written opinion" within the meaning of the Act and should not be made available to the public through the Pacer system;

(2) each order entered by a magistrate judge that is either case-dispositive or addresses a discovery dispute, subject to the same exceptions as set forth in paragraph (1) above;

(3) each report and recommendation entered by a magistrate judge that is accepted by a district judge in whole or in part, but only from and after the date of its acceptance.

This order is entered with the concurrence of all the United States District Judges

for the Northern District of Florida.

SO ORDERED this 14th day of April, 2005.

s/Robert L. Hinkle
Chief United States District Judge