

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
MISC. NO.: 3:25MC164
IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY CASES
ORDER

Pursuant to Miscellaneous Order 3:13-MC-95 filed on June 13, 2013, and the Amended Order filed on September 25, 2019, the Court directed that in the interest of the efficient administration of justice all social security cases be equally assigned among the judicial officers of this Court.

Social Security cases shall be equally assigned among the following district judges regardless of the division in which the case is filed, Judge Bell, Judge Cogburn, Judge Orso, Judge Reidinger, Judge Rodriguez and Judge Whitney.

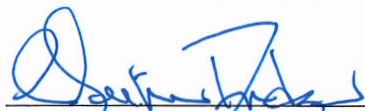
The courtroom deputy is further directed to continue to identify every third case assigned to all judges to be referred to a magistrate judge, including giving the magistrate judge credit for any social security case in which the parties consent to the magistrate judge.

Due to unequal matching of the number of district judges to three magistrate judges, the designated teams referred in earlier orders are no longer applicable, and each magistrate judge will be assigned as a referral judge without regard to which district judge listed above is originally assigned the case.

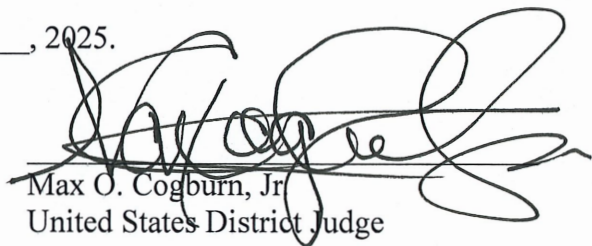
This Order is effective **January 1, 2026**.

The Clerk is directed to serve copies of this Order to all district court judges, all magistrate judges, the United States Attorney, all deputy clerks and all court reporters.

Entered this the 15TH day of DECEMBER, 2025.



Martin Reidinger
Chief United States District Judge



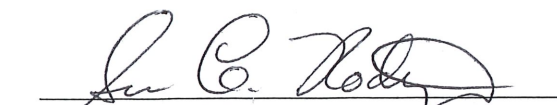


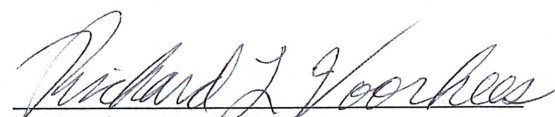
Max O. Cogburn, Jr.
United States District Judge



Kenneth D. Bell
United States District Judge



Matthew E. Orso
United States District Judge


Susan C. Rodriguez
United States District Judge
Frank D. Whitney
Senior United States District Judge
Graham C. Mullen
Senior United States District Judge
Richard L. Voorhees
Senior United States District Judge