

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
MISC. NO.: 3:25MC166

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CASES
TO MAGISTRATE JUDGES

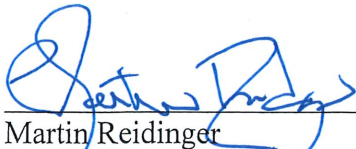
ORDER

This matter is before the Court on its own motion regarding the assignment of civil and criminal motions to magistrate judges. This Order applies only to cases and motions in the Charlotte and Statesville Divisions and is effective DECEMBER 8TH, 2025.

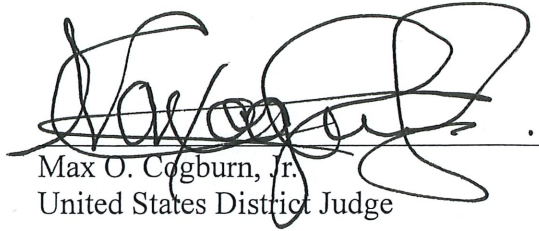
1. General division of cases between magistrate judges shall be according to docket number. Odd numbered cases shall be assigned to Magistrate Judge Keesler, and even numbered cases shall be assigned to Unnamed Magistrate Judge.
2. Notwithstanding primary case or motion assignment per the odd/even docket number system set forth above, either magistrate judge is authorized to handle proceedings in a case primarily assigned to the other. Specifically, a "Duty Magistrate" system whereby the magistrate judges' alternate weeks in and out of court (and handle miscellaneous request of agents and others for complaints, warrants, orders, or other process) is authorized and approved. Further, the magistrate judges are fully authorized to handle work for each other as their schedules or the press of other responsibility shall require.
3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C §§ 636(b) and 636(cc) and previous Orders of this Court with respect to Magistrate Judge Keesler and Unnamed Magistrate Judge, they are authorized to handle and address all such matters as are set forth in the Order of Appointment for Unnamed Magistrate Judge that is being entered contemporaneously herewith.

The Clerk is directed to serve copies of this Order to all district court judges, all magistrate judges, the Chief United States Probation Officer, the United States Attorney, the Federal Public Defender, the United States Marshal, all deputy clerks and all court reporters.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this the 15TH day of DECEMBER, 2025.



Martin Reidinger
Chief United States District Judge



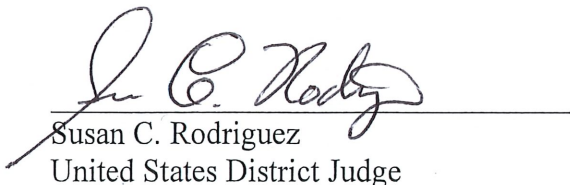
Max O. Cogburn, Jr.
United States District Judge



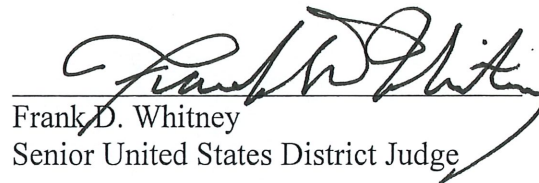
Kenneth D. Bell
United States District Judge



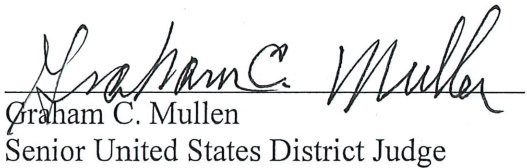
Matthew E. Orso
United States District Judge



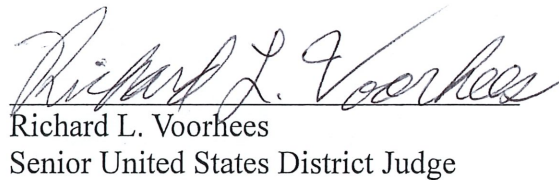
Susan C. Rodriguez
United States District Judge



Frank D. Whitney
Senior United States District Judge



Graham C. Mullen
Senior United States District Judge



Richard L. Voorhees
Senior United States District Judge