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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
MISC. NO.: 3:25MC162
IN RE: ALLOCATION OF STATESVILLE DIVISION CASES
ORDER

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
W. DISTRICT OF N.C.

The following case assignment allocations will be applied in the Statesville Division and supersede all other prior orders as they may relate to the Statesville Division. Unless specifically stated otherwise, these case assignment allocations are effective **July 29th, 2026**.

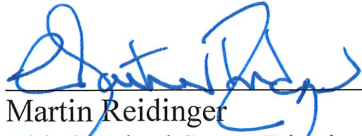
- 1.) All new criminal cases filed beginning on the effective date of this Order shall be assigned equally to Judge Orso and Judge Rodriguez.
- 2.) Any criminal case filed in the Statesville Division in which Judge Orso must recuse due to a conflict shall first be reassigned to Judge Rodriguez, then to Judge Bell and then to Judge Cogburn. If all these judges recuse themselves from a Statesville Division criminal case, then the case is to be assigned to Chief Judge Reidinger.
- 3.) Any criminal case filed in the Statesville Division in which Judge Rodriguez must recuse due to a conflict shall first be reassigned to Judge Orso, then to Judge Bell and then to Judge Cogburn. If all these judges recuse themselves from a Statesville Division criminal case, then the case is to be assigned to Chief Judge Reidinger.
- 4.) Effective with the date of this Order, any civil cases filed in the Statesville Division shall be equally assigned to Judge Orso and Judge Rodriguez. This includes actions brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 in which the plaintiff has counsel, and non-prisoner *pro se* Section 1983 actions.
- 5.) Any civil case filed in the Statesville Division in which Judge Orso must recuse due to a conflict shall first be reassigned to Judge Rodriguez, then to Judge Bell, then to Judge Cogburn and then Judge Whitney. If all these judges recuse themselves from a Statesville Division civil case, then the case is to be assigned to Judge Reidinger.
- 6.) Any civil case filed in the Statesville Division in which Judge Rodriguez must recuse due to a conflict shall first be reassigned to Judge Orso, then to Judge Bell, and then Judge Cogburn and then Judge Whitney. If all these judges recuse themselves from a Statesville Division civil case, then the case is to be assigned to Judge Reidinger.
- 7.) Death penalty and social security cases are addressed in separate allocation orders.
- 8.) Actions brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 in which Judge Voorhees presided in the underlying criminal case shall be equally reassigned to Judge Orso and Judge Rodriguez. If Judge Orso has a conflict the case is first reassigned to Judge Rodriguez, then to Judge Bell, then to Judge Cogburn. If Judge Rodriguez has a conflict the case is first reassigned

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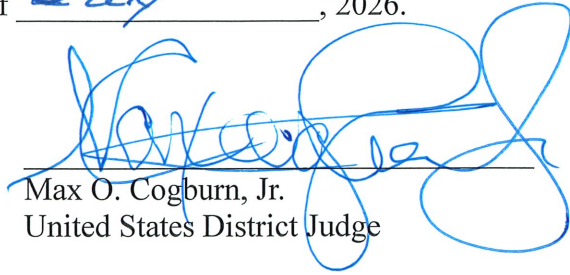
9.) Non-consent civil cases, with the exception of social security cases, are referred to Charlotte Division magistrate judges by docket number for all pretrial proceedings and in accordance with any standing Orders of reference issued by a district judge. Consent cases will be handled by Charlotte Division magistrate judges for all purposes and in all respects. The general division of cases between magistrate judges shall be according to docket number with odd-numbered cases being assigned to Magistrate Judge Keesler and even-numbered cases being assigned to Magistrate Judge Odulio.

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.

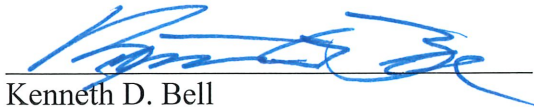
IT IS SO ORDERED, this the 29TH day of July, 2026.



Martin Reidinger
Chief United States District Judge



Max O. Cogburn, Jr.
United States District Judge



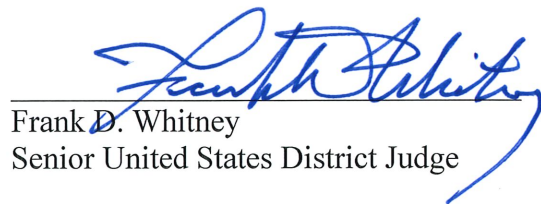
Kenneth D. Bell
United States District Judge



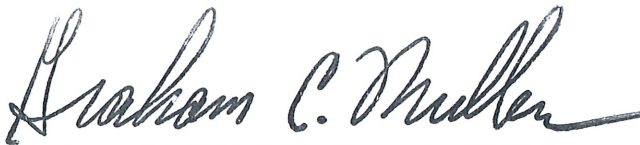
Matthew E. Orso
United States District Judge



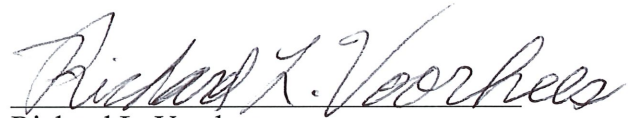
Susan C. Rodriguez
United States District Judge



Frank D. Whitney
Senior United States District Judge



Graham C. Mullen
Senior United States District Judge



Richard L. Voorhees
Senior United States District Judge