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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
CLEVELAND

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2008-06

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

Civil and Criminal Draw and)	
Assignment of Docket to)	
Magistrate Judge Gregory A. White)	GENERAL ORDER NO. 2008-06
and Distribution of Remaining Cases)	
on the Docket of Magistrate Judge)	
Patricia A. Hemann)	

Pursuant to Administrative Order 2008-2, Gregory A. White has been selected as the new magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and will be located in Cleveland, Ohio. Until his appointment as a magistrate judge, Magistrate Judge White had served as the United States Attorney for this district. Magistrate Judge White replaces Magistrate Judge Patricia A. Hemann, who retires at the close of business on February 29, 2008.

Pursuant to the agreement of the judges of this Court, the initial docket of Magistrate Judge White shall be formed, and the remaining cases on the docket of Magistrate Judge Hemann will be reassigned, as follows:

Habeas Corpus Cases

Magistrate Judge White will inherit the remaining habeas corpus cases on the docket of Magistrate Judge Hemann. In addition, the other Eastern Division magistrate judges will transfer the following number of habeas corpus matters to Magistrate Judge White:

Perelman	4
Gallas	8
Vecchiarelli	4
Limbert	6
Baughman	8
McHargh	4

34 + remaining Habeas Corpus Cases on the docket of
Magistrate Judge Hemann

It was agreed that one half of the cases transferred by each magistrate judge should be from 0-6 months old and the remainder from 6-10 months old to ensure that the new docket is current, but still provide some work in the first few months.

Social Security Cases

The social security cases remaining on Magistrate Judge Hemann's docket will be reassigned to other Eastern Division magistrate judges pursuant to the standard protocol.

General Civil Cases

General Civil Cases remaining on the docket of Magistrate Judge Hemann (both consent and referred) will be randomly reassigned to a Cleveland magistrate judge. The Clerk's Office shall send notices to the parties in any such consent cases seeking the parties' consent, within 10 business days, to the jurisdiction of the newly assigned magistrate judge. If the parties do not consent, the cases shall be returned to the docket of the prior district judge assigned to the case pursuant to Local Rule 73.1(b).

The pending general civil cases that have been assigned, but not referred to Magistrate Judge Hemann, and any such cases subsequently reopened, shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Greg White unless they involve parties from whom he must recuse. If he must recuse, the cases will be reassigned to other Cleveland magistrate judges pursuant to the existing protocols.

Criminal Cases

The pending criminal cases that have been drawn, but not referred to Magistrate Judge Hemann shall be redrawn among the Cleveland magistrate judges, as Magistrate Judge White will need to recuse from those matters.

Civil Draw

Magistrate Judge White shall enter on duty on or about March 1, 2008 and shall be placed on the civil draw immediately.

Criminal Draw

Magistrate Judge White shall not be placed on the criminal draw at this time due his prior service as the United States Attorney for the district and the supervisory role he had in pending criminal investigations. His placement on the criminal draw shall be determined at a later date.

Magistrate Judge Duty Rotation and Magistrate Judge Arraignment Protocol

Magistrate Judge White shall not be included in the Magistrate Judge Duty Rotation nor the Magistrate Judge Arraignment Protocol until a later date.

Case Number Series

Magistrate Judge White will continue Magistrate Judge Hemann's case number series.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

For the Court



James G. Carr
Chief Judge
United States District Court