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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
CLEVELAND

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2008-17

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

Civil and Criminal Draw and)
Assignment of Docket to) GENERAL ORDER NO. 2008-17
Magistrate Judge Benita Pearson)
and Participation in Draw of)
Retired-Recalled Magistrate Judge)
James S. Gallas)

Pursuant to Administrative Order 2008-20, Benita Pearson 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 Akron, Ohio. Magistrate Judge Pearson is replacing Magistrate Judge Gallas, who retired effective August 11, 2008 and is serving in retired-recalled status in Cleveland.

Social Security and Habeas Corpus Cases

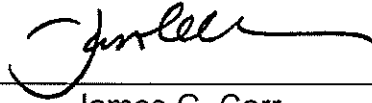
Upon the recommendation of the Magistrate Judges, the initial docket of Magistrate Judge Pearson shall be formed as follows: each magistrate judge in both the Eastern and Western Divisions will transfer three social security referrals and two habeas corpus referrals to Magistrate Judge Pearson. It was agreed that about half the cases transferred by each magistrate judge should be from 0-6 months old and that the remainder of the transfers be between 6-12 months old to ensure that the new docket is current, but still provide some work in the first few months.

Civil and Criminal Magistrate Judge Draw

Magistrate Judge Pearson will replace Magistrate Judge Gallas on the civil draw in Akron upon entering on duty. Magistrate Judge Pearson shall replace Magistrate Judge Gallas on the criminal draw in Akron two weeks after entering on duty, at which time Magistrate Judge Gallas shall be placed on the criminal draw in Cleveland. Magistrate Judge Gallas shall be placed on the civil draw in Cleveland on January 1, 2009.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

For the Court



James G. Carr
Chief Judge
United States District Court