

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

**IN RE: UTILIZATION OF UNITED  
STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES**

**General Order No. 2022-31**

**GENERAL ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** at the time a case is filed, a United States District Judge shall be assigned to the case in the manner prescribed by Local Rule 40-1 and the Order(s) governing the assignment of cases.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** at the time a case is assigned to a United States District Judge, it shall also be assigned to a United States Magistrate Judge in the manner prescribed by Local Rule 40-1 and the Order(s) governing the assignment of cases. In any Division in which more than one United States Magistrate Judge is resident, the Clerk of the Court shall assign cases to the Magistrate Judges on a random basis with full-time United States Magistrate Judges being assigned cases on an equal basis and Recalled United States Magistrate Judges being assigned cases in accordance with the terms of their Recall.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** all non-dispositive pretrial matters and motions in a case, other than as excepted in General Order 2022-30, shall be hereafter automatically referred to the United States Magistrate Judge assigned to the case. The United States Magistrate Judge shall promptly hear and determine such matters and motions prescribed by Local Rule 72-1.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** at the time all parties to any civil case consent to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to Local Rule 72-1, the Clerk shall automatically reassign the presiding judge in the case to the United States Magistrate Judge previously referred in the case and that Magistrate Judge shall then conduct all proceedings including the conduct of a jury or non-jury trial, and may order the entry of a final

judgment. The Chief Judge may, for good cause shown on his own motion, or under extraordinary circumstances shown by any party, vacate a reference of a civil case to a Magistrate Judge.

This General Order supersedes General Order 2018-2.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 20, 2022

/s/ Jon E. DeGuilio  
Jon E. DeGuilio, Chief Judge

/s/ William C. Lee  
William C. Lee, Judge

/s/ James T. Moody  
James T. Moody, Judge

/s/ Robert L. Miller, Jr.  
Robert L. Miller, Jr., Judge

/s/ Philip P. Simon  
Philip P. Simon, Judge

/s/ Theresa L. Springmann  
Theresa L. Springmann, Judge

/s/ Joseph S. Van Bokkelen  
Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, Judge

/s/ Holly A. Brady  
Holly A. Brady, Judge

/s/ Damon R. Leichty  
Damon R. Leichty, Judge