

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EAST ST. LOUIS, MO. OFFICE
Administrative
Order No. 132

IN THE MATTER OF:

REASSIGNMENT OF PRISONER CASES

ORDER

In order to improve the case management and processing of cases filed in this district by persons in custody, the clerk is directed to reassign pending cases on January 3, 2011, and to assign cases filed in the future as follows:

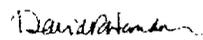
1. All pending habeas corpus cases (NOS 530), other than the exceptions listed on the attached page, will be transferred to Chief Judge Herndon. The magistrate judge referral on the case, if any, will remain the same.
2. All non-habeas prisoner cases (NOS 540, 550, 555) currently pending before Chief Judge Herndon will be evenly reassigned to Judge Gilbert, Judge Murphy, and Judge Reagan.
3. After the foregoing transfers have been docketed, all non-habeas prisoner cases (NOS 540, 550, and 555) assigned to Judge Gilbert will be referred to Magistrate Judge Frazier; all such cases assigned to Judge Murphy will be referred to Magistrate Judge Wilkerson; all such cases assigned to Judge Reagan will be referred to Magistrate Judge Williams.
4. Effective January 3, 2011, all non-habeas prisoner cases (NOS 540, 550, and 555) will be randomly assigned to Judge Gilbert, Judge Murphy, or Judge Reagan. Any case surviving threshold review and assigned to Judge Gilbert will be directly referred to Magistrate Judge Frazier; any case surviving threshold review and assigned to Judge Murphy will be directly referred to Magistrate Judge Wilkerson; and any case surviving threshold review and assigned to Judge Reagan will be directly referred to Magistrate Judge Williams.
5. Effective January 3, 2011, all habeas cases (NOS 530) filed in the district will be directly assigned to Chief Judge Herndon, and, if

the case survives threshold review, a magistrate judge will be randomly assigned from the deck.

For those with less experience in federal courts and to explain some of the terms of art used above, NOS is the cm/ecf system acronym for Nature of Suit. The number that follows is the category number assigned to the type of case. When the phrase in the nature of a referral to a magistrate judge is used in some form, the discussion concerns assigning pretrial issues to the magistrate such as scheduling, discovery disputes, and evidentiary hearings that will result in a report and recommendation for the presiding district judge who will make a final decision.

This Order is dated this 16th day of December, 2010.

David R. Herndon



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Chief United States District Judge

Habeas Cases That Will Not Transfer to Chief Judge Herndon:

- Tucker v. Hulick*, Cause No. 06-998-GPM-DGW
- Fletcher v. Hulick*, Cause No. 08-266-GPM-DGW
- Bays v. Hollingsworth*, Cause No. 09-466-CJP
- Price v. Gaetz*, Cause No. 09-831-JPG
- Bass v. Hollingsworth*, Cause No. 09-1059-JPG