

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL CASES)
TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE) Standing Order
JUDGES)

WHEREAS, there currently is a judicial vacancy and a continuing need to manage, pretrial, the caseload of the Court's fourth District Judge; and

WHEREAS, the Court's second United States Magistrate Judge will assume his responsibilities on or about August 6, 2007; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Court to ensure a reasonable and fair allocation of assignments among the Court's two Magistrate Judges, consistent with the challenges facing the Court at any given time;

THEREFORE, at Wilmington this ~~29th~~ day of June, 2007, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 and the rules of the Court;

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. In the categories of civil cases labeled "General," "Patents/Trademarks" and "Securities," in addition to the random assignment of a United States District Judge to each such case:

a. The Clerk of the Court shall initiate procedures which accomplish the following:

1). The fifth such case in each of the above referenced categories of civil cases shall be automatically referred to United States Magistrate Judge Leonard

P. Stark.

2). The fifteenth such case in each of the above referenced categories of civil cases shall be automatically referred to United States Magistrate Judge Mary Pat Thyng.

b. The assigned District Judge shall designate the Magistrate Judge to hear and determine those pretrial matters as may be handled by a Magistrate Judge, consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 636.

2. The cases already assigned to the "vacant judgeship" shall remain under the pretrial management of Judge Thyng. Effective the date of this order, and absent any conflicts, the even numbered civil cases randomly assigned to the "vacant judgeship" shall be automatically referred to Judge Thyng for pretrial management; the odd numbered civil cases randomly assigned to the "vacant judgeship" shall be automatically referred to Judge Stark for pretrial management.

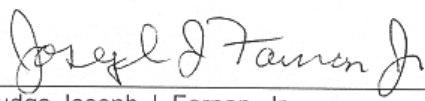
3. Any civil case not previously described above may be referred to a magistrate judge for purposes of exploring alternate dispute resolution ("ADR"). Effective the date of this order, and absent any conflicts, the even numbered of such civil cases shall be referred to Judge Thyng; the odd numbered of such civil cases shall be referred to Judge Stark.

4. The above described assignment strategy shall be reviewed periodically by the Court.

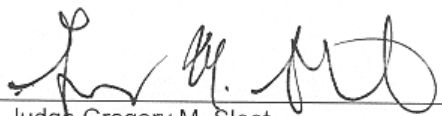
5. This order shall be effective August 6, 2007.



Chief Judge Sue L. Robinson



Judge Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.



Judge Gregory M. Sleet