

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

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JAMES N. HATTEN, Clerk
By: *J. Metz*
Deputy Clerk

**IN RE:
REFERRAL AND
ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL CASES
AND MATTERS TO
MAGISTRATE JUDGES**

STANDING ORDER NO. 14-01

ORDER

I. AUTOMATIC REFERRAL OF CASES TO MAGISTRATE JUDGES

The District Court designates the Magistrate Judges of this Court, in the following categories of cases, to hear and determine any pretrial matters pending before the Court and to conduct hearings and submit reports and recommendations to the full extent allowed by 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and (B):

1. All cases that contain a claim or claims brought under the Truth-in-Lending Act ("TILA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1601, *et seq.* (including the Equal Credit Opportunity Act ("ECOA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1691, the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act ("HOEPA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1639, and the Fair Credit Billing Act ("FCBA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1666), or under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act ("RESPA"), 12 U.S.C. § 2601, *et seq.*;
2. All cases that contain a claim or claims brought under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.*, or under the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FRCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1681, *et seq.*;
3. All cases, not already included within paragraphs 1 and 2 above, that contain a claim of, or a challenge to, an allegedly wrongful or attempted wrongful residential real property foreclosure, eviction, or dispossessory action;
4. All actions brought under Section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), and related statutes, to review administrative determinations which come before the Court on a developed administrative record;

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5. All cases that contain a claim or claims brought under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2, *et seq.* (including the Pregnancy Discrimination Act (“PDA”), 42 U.S.C. § 2000e(k)), or an employment discrimination claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1981;
6. All cases that contain a claim or claims of employment discrimination brought under the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”), 42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.*, under the Family and Medical Leave Act (“FMLA”), 29 U.S.C. § 2611, *et seq.*, under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (“ADEA”), 29 U.S.C. § 621, *et seq.*, or under the Equal Pay Act (“EPA”), 29 U.S.C. § 206(d)(1);
7. All non-death penalty habeas corpus petitions or other petitions challenging a criminal conviction or sentence, including, but not limited to, petitions filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2254 or 2255;
8. All prisoner actions containing a claim under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332, 1346, 1361, 1983 or related statutes;
9. All petitions to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Upon completion of the *in forma pauperis* review, the Magistrate Judge referral for the case is terminated unless the case has otherwise been referred to the Magistrate Judge for pretrial management; and
10. All actions that fall within the Clerk’s Office’s Miscellaneous Actions assignment category, including the issuance of subpoenas; the issuance of writs of habeas corpus ad testificandum or ad prosequendum or other orders necessary to obtain the presence of parties, witnesses, or evidence at proceedings; motions to quash or enforce subpoena, for a protective order, or to compel discovery; petitions to enforce IRS Summons; Letters Rogatory; motions to authorize the destruction of a firearm; motions pertaining to a foreign tribunal; motions for a writ of garnishment; examination of judgment debtors; motions to perpetuate testimony; and motions for writ of execution.

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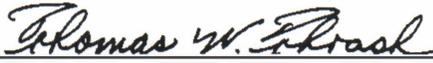
The Clerk shall automatically assign the above categories of cases to a District Judge and refer them to a Magistrate Judge. The District Judge may, at any time, withdraw the reference to the Magistrate Judge.

II. ASSIGNMENT OF CASES TO MAGISTRATE JUDGES UPON CONSENT OF THE PARTIES.

In addition to the referrals provided for in Section I, the Clerk shall assign any civil case in which the parties consent to trial before a Magistrate Judge of this Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), unless the presiding District Judge declines to approve the consent. Assignment of appeals from decisions denying Social Security benefits will continue to be made in accordance with Standing Order No. 07-02.

Standing Order No. 08-01 is hereby vacated.

SO ORDERED, this 15 day of August, 2014.



**THOMAS W. THRASH, JR.
CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**