

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

IN RE: REFERRAL OF CASES TO THE MAGISTRATE JUDGES

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 22**

Amended October 19, 2010

The Clerk of Court is hereby directed to refer the following cases to the magistrate judges for the Western District of Arkansas:

- (1) Cases involving the granting of benefits to claimants under the Social Security Act and brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) and matters related to this Act;
- (2) Applications for post-trial relief made by individuals convicted of criminal offenses filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 and 28 U.S.C. § 2255; and
- (3) Prisoner petitions filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

The magistrate judges shall, as appropriate, conduct hearings, including evidentiary hearings, and submit proposed findings of fact and recommendations for disposition by the presiding district judge, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western District of Arkansas.

The Clerk of Court is also directed to file upon receipt, any tendered pleading for the initiation of an *in forma pauperis* non-prisoner civil matter, without advance payment of the filing fee or an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Clerk of Court is further directed to refer to the magistrate judges for the Western District of Arkansas such pleadings and all applications to proceed *in forma pauperis* for the initiation of civil actions and whether service of process shall

issue, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A), and the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas. Further, should the magistrate judge determine that no service of process is required, the magistrate judge should submit a report and recommendation regarding the disposition of the case in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B).

This Order supersedes all previous versions of General Order No. 22.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

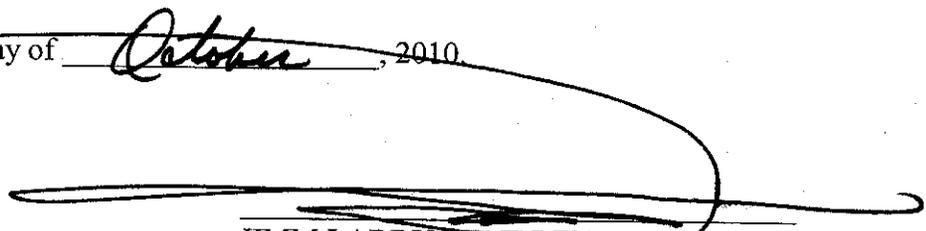
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