

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

GENERAL ORDER 24-0016

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, June 27, 2024, and approved a Technical Amendment to Local Rule 72.1 - Designated Magistrate Judges: Referrals. The Amendment ensures inclusion of both the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Northern District of Illinois.

By direction of the full Court,

IT IS ORDERED that effective immediately, Local Rule 72.1 of this Court is technically amended as attached (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~). The Local Rule is effective immediately, pending the approval of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council.

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca R. Pallmeyer', written in a cursive style.

Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 2nd day of July 2024

LR 72.1 Designated Magistrate Judges: Referrals

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Amended May 31, 2011

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