

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 11 - 0009**

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, May 19, 2011 and approved an amendment to Local Rule 72.1 regarding Designated Magistrate Judges: Referrals. The proposed amendment was published with comments due on April 1, 2011. No comments were received.

The Court's Rules Advisory Committee reviewed the rule at its meeting on May 3, 2011 and approved the rule as published.

The Court's Rules Committee discussed the rule at its meeting of May 12, 2011. It recommended that the full Court adopt the proposal as published.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on May 19, 2011 and agreed to modify Local Rule 72.1. Therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on Thursday, May 19, 2011,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Rule 72.1 Designated Magistrate Judges: Referrals be amended as follows (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~):

LR72.1. Designated Magistrate Judges: Referrals

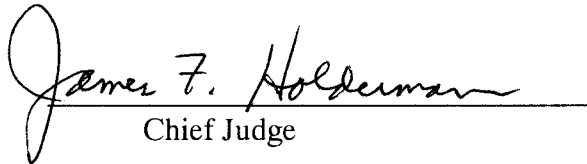
At the time any case is filed and assigned to a district judge in the Eastern Division, the name of a magistrate judge shall also be assigned in accordance with the procedures adopted pursuant to LR40.2(a) when applicable. The magistrate judge so assigned shall be the designated magistrate judge for that case. Whenever a new case is assigned to a district judge directly and not by lot pursuant to LR40.3(b), the designated magistrate judge for the case originally assigned by lot will be the designated magistrate judge for the later filed case.

Any judge wishing to refer a matter in a civil case pending on that judge's calendar to a magistrate judge may do so following procedures approved by the Executive Committee ~~will transfer the matter to the Executive Committee in accordance with the procedures adopted pursuant to LR40.2(a). If the Committee approves the referral, the case will be referred to the designated magistrate judge.~~

Where two or more cases are related, the designated magistrate judge in the lowest-numbered case of the set of related cases will be the designated magistrate judge for all cases in the set. The designated magistrate judge in the lowest-numbered case will remain the designated magistrate judge for the set as long as any cases in the set are pending.

Except as ordered by the Executive Committee, the reassignment of a case from one district judge to another shall not change the designated magistrate judge for that case.

ENTER:
FOR THE COURT


Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 31st day of May, 2011