

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: LOCAL RULE AMENDMENT  
REGARDING THE ASSIGNMENT OF  
SOCIAL SECURITY CASES

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Administrative Order No. 17-RL-102

The Clerk has identified an inconsistency in the Local Civil Rules, which requires amendment.

IT IS ORDERED that Local Civil Rule 72.2(b) shall be amended to exclude reference to Social Security cases, because the assignment of those cases is governed by Local Civil Rule 3.3.1(a):

72.2 (b) ~~Social Security~~, ~~h~~ Habeas corpus and prisoner civil rights cases - At the time of filing any ~~social security~~, habeas corpus or prisoner civil rights case, the Clerk shall assign the case to a judge and to a magistrate judge in accordance with procedures established by these rules and the implementing orders of the Court. The assigned magistrate judge may enter such orders and conduct such proceedings in that case as are authorized by statute or rule, without any further order of reference. An order disposing of the case may only be entered by a judge.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing amendment shall take effect immediately, because it does not affect substantive or procedural rights and will afford immediate improvement to the record keeping of this Court. See 28 U.S.C. § 2071(e). Any member of the public may, however, submit a comment in writing to the Clerk of Court by mail or electronically to [ecfhelp@miwd.uscourts.gov](mailto:ecfhelp@miwd.uscourts.gov), within 30 days of the date of this order. The Court will consider all comments and determine whether further amendments to the Rules are required.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall provide a copy of this Administrative Order to the Judicial Council of the Sixth Circuit, the U.S. District Court's Advisory Committee on Local Rules, the Federal Bar Association, West Michigan Chapter, the State Bar of Michigan Committee on United States Courts, and the Michigan Lawyer's Weekly. All attorneys registered for electronic service on the CM/ECF system shall be given notice of this rule amendment, and the official rules posted on the Court's website will be amended accordingly.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:



Dated: September 18, 2017

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ROBERT J. JONKER, CHIEF JUDGE  
United States District Court  
Western District of Michigan