

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN THE MATTER OF REASSIGNMENT
OF REFERRALS IN COGNATE CASE

Administrative Order No. 25-CA-107

WHEREAS Magistrate Judge Sally J. Berens has determined that Case No. 1:25-cv-1543-HYJ-MV, *Cooper v. Midyett, et al.*, is a cognate case under W.D. Mich. LCivR 3.3.2(c) to Case No. 1:25-cv-1043-HYJ-SJB, *Cooper v. Midyett, et al.*;

WHEREAS the earlier-filed case is assigned to Magistrate Judge Berens, however, the referral judge on the later-filed case is assigned to Magistrate Judge Maarten Vermaat;

WHEREAS Magistrate Judges Vermaat and Berens have consented to the reassignment of referral in the later-filed case;

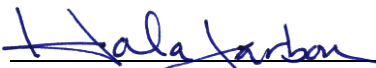
IT IS ORDERED that, in the interests of judicial economy and to conserve judicial resources, the referral judge in Case No. 1:25-cv-1543 shall be **REASSIGNED** to Magistrate Judge Berens, according to the approved procedure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that another case shall be assigned to Magistrate Judge Vermaat, according to the approved procedure.

A copy of this Administrative Order shall be filed in each case referenced herein.

FOR THE COURT:

Dated: December 3, 2025



HALA Y. JARBOU
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE