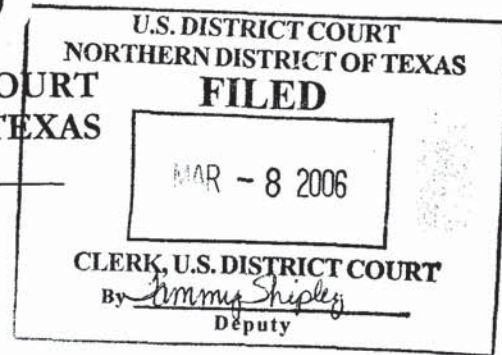


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS



SPECIAL ORDER NO. 3-251

The Clerk's Office is directed to automatically refer at case opening certain types of matters to the resident magistrate judge for decisions as to non-dispositive matters and for findings and recommendations as to dispositive matters. In a division having more than one magistrate judge, the Clerk's Office will automatically refer each such matter to the magistrate judge to whom the case is preliminarily assigned.

The chart attached to this Order specifies each district judge's referral directive to the Clerk's Office. A district judge may modify the directive as it relates to that judge by notifying the Clerk's Office in writing. The Clerk's Office will modify the chart as necessary to reflect any such modification.

SO ORDERED this 8 day of March, 2006.

A. Joe Fish  
A. JOE FISH, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

## CHART FOR AUTOMATIC REFERRAL OF CASES OR MATTERS TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE (MJ)

Civil, Miscellaneous, or Criminal (CR) Case or Matter	<p><b>Judges Who Have Authorized Automatic Referral</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referral is to the MJ assigned to the case, except as otherwise noted.</li> <li>• Even if automatic referral is authorized, a judge may elect not to refer a particular case or matter.</li> </ul>
Social security case	<b>Directly assigned to the magistrate judge under a separate case assignment wheel, effective 10/1/23.</b>
Prisoner civil rights, mandamus, or other case	<p><b>Lynn, Lindsay, Godbey, Kinkeade, Boyle, Scholer, Kacsmark, Starr, Brown, Fish, Fitzwater</b></p> <p>Judges who do not automatically refer: O'Connor, Pittman, Hendrix, Cummings, Means</p>
§2241 or §2254 non-death penalty <i>habeas corpus</i> case	<p><b>Lynn, Lindsay, Godbey, Kinkeade, Boyle, Scholer, Kacsmark, Starr, Brown, Fish, Fitzwater</b></p> <p>Judges who do not automatically refer: O'Connor, Pittman, Hendrix, Cummings, Means</p>
§2255 <i>habeas corpus</i> case	<b>Do Not Automatically Refer</b>
Death penalty <i>habeas corpus</i> case	<p><u>Case:</u> <b>Lynn, Lindsay, Boyle, Scholer, Kacsmark, Starr, Fish</b></p> <p><u>Motion to appoint counsel to MJ Rutherford:</u> <b>Lynn, Lindsay, Godbey, Kinkeade, Boyle, Scholer, Starr, Brown, Fish</b></p> <p>Judges who do not automatically refer: O'Connor, Pittman, Hendrix, Fitzwater, Cummings, Means</p>
Foreclosure case	<p><b>Lynn, Lindsay, Kinkeade, Scholer, Kacsmark, Hendrix, Starr, Brown, Fish</b></p> <p>Judges who do not automatically refer: Godbey, Boyle, O'Connor, Pittman, Fitzwater, Cummings, Means</p>
Other <i>pro se</i> civil or miscellaneous case, except bankruptcy	<p><b>Lynn, Lindsay, Godbey, Kinkeade, O'Connor, Scholer, Pittman, Hendrix, Starr, Brown, Fish</b></p> <p>Judges who do not automatically refer: Boyle, Kacsmark, Fitzwater, Cummings, Means</p>
<i>In forma pauperis</i> (IFP) civil or miscellaneous case or motion to proceed IFP	<p><b>Lynn, Lindsay, Godbey, Kinkeade, Boyle, Scholer, Hendrix, Starr, Brown, Fish, Fitzwater</b></p> <p>Judges who do not automatically refer: O'Connor, Kacsmark, Pittman, Cummings, Means</p>
Other civil or miscellaneous case	Judges who do not automatically refer: All
Motion for certificate of appealability	<p><b>Lynn, Lindsay, Godbey, Kinkeade, Boyle, Scholer, Brown, Fish, Fitzwater</b></p> <p>Judges who do not automatically refer: O'Connor, Kacsmark, Pittman, Hendrix, Starr, Cummings, Means</p>
Proceedings through arraignment in a felony or misdemeanor case	<u>To the duty MJ:</u> All
Motion to reconsider detention order, motion to modify bond condition, & violation of bond condition	<u>To the MJ who issued the related order:</u> All
Motion to withdraw/appoint counsel for appeal in a closed CR case	<p><u>To the duty MJ:</u> <b>O'Connor, Pittman, Means</b></p> <p>Judges who do not automatically refer: Lynn, Lindsay, Godbey, Kinkeade, Boyle, Scholer, Kacsmark, Hendrix, Starr, Brown, Fish, Fitzwater, Cummings</p>