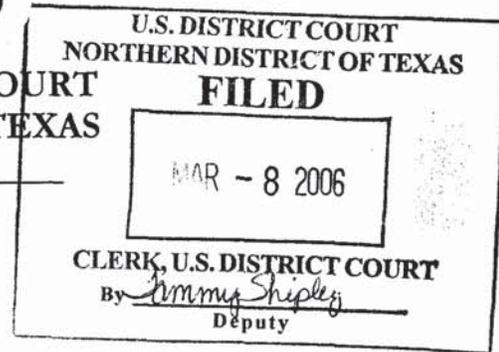


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS



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)

District Judge	Lynn		Fitzwater		McBryde	Lindsay	Godbey	Kinkeade	Boyle	O'Connor		
	Dallas	Wichita Falls	Amarillo	Dallas	Fort Worth	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Abilene	Fort Worth	Wichita Falls
IFP civil action	Refer	Refer		Refer	Refer social security case only	Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer		Refer non-prisoner case only Refer social security case to MJ Ray	Refer non-prisoner cases, §2241 cases, and §2254 cases
Fee pd. pro se civil action, except a prisoner, social security, or bankruptcy case	Refer	Refer					Refer	Refer			Refer to MJ Ray	Refer
Fee pd. social security case	Refer	Refer			Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer		Refer to MJ Ray	Refer
Fee pd. foreclosure case	Refer	Refer				Refer		Refer				Refer
Fee pd. prisoner civil rights or mandamus case	Refer	Refer		Refer		Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer			
Fee pd. non-death penalty habeas corpus case (§2241, §2254)	Refer	Refer		Refer		Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer			Refer
Habeas case (§2255)	Refer		Refer	Refer		Refer	Refer		Refer			
Death penalty habeas case opened on a petition, motion for stay/TRO, or motion for appointment of counsel (MAC)	Refer, except a motion for stay/TRO; Refer a MAC to MJ Stickney	Refer, except a motion for stay/TRO; Refer a MAC to MJ Stickney				Refer, except a motion for stay/TRO; Refer a MAC to MJ Stickney	Refer only a MAC to MJ Stickney		Refer, except a motion for stay/TRO; Refer a MAC to MJ Stickney			
Motion for Certificate of Appealability	Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer		Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer			
All initial proceedings up to arraignment in felony and misdemeanor cases and all petty matters	Refer		Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer	Refer
Violation of condition of pretrial release	Refer		Refer	Refer to MJ who set condition		Refer to MJ who set condition	Refer to the MJ who set condition	Refer to MJ who set condition	Refer to MJ who set condition			

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

District Judge	Robinson	Fish	Cummings		Means
Case or Matter	Amarillo	Dallas	Lubbock and San Angelo	Dallas	Fort Worth
IFP civil action	Refer	Refer		Refer	Refer Refer IFP social security cases to MJ Ray
Fee pd. pro se civil action, except a prisoner, social security, or bankruptcy case		Refer		Refer	
Fee pd. social security case	Refer	Refer		Refer	Refer to MJ Ray
Fee pd. foreclosure case		Refer			
Fee pd. prisoner civil rights or mandamus case	Refer	Refer		Refer	
Fee pd. non-death penalty habeas corpus case (§2241, §2254)	Refer	Refer		Refer	
Habeas case (§2255)	Refer	Refer		Refer	
Death penalty habeas corpus case opened on a petition, motion for stay/TRO, or motion for appointment of counsel (MAC)	Refer, except a motion for stay/TRO	Refer, except a motion for stay/TRO Refer a MAC to MJ Stickney			
Motion for Certificate of Appealability	Refer	Refer		Refer	
All initial proceeding matters up to arraignment in felony and misdemeanor cases and all petty matters			Refer		Refer
Violation of condition of pretrial release					