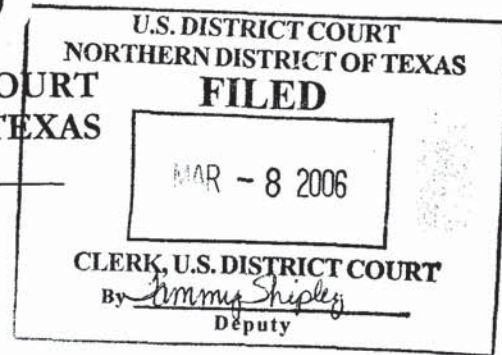


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS



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

Attachment to Special Order 3-251 - CHART FOR AUTOMATIC REFERRAL OF CASES OR MATTERS TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE (last revised 9/7/2021)

Type of Case or Matter	Automatic Referral Authority for Cases Filed in Any Division (A judge who has authorized automatic referral may also direct the clerk not to refer a particular case type or case in some divisions.)
Social security case	Referred: All judges
Prisoner civil rights, mandamus, or other case	Not referred: Judges O'Connor, Pittman, Hendrix, Cummings, McBryde, and Means
	Referred: All other judges
Non-death penalty habeas corpus case under §2241 or §2254	Not referred: Judges O'Connor, Pittman, Hendrix, Cummings, McBryde, and Means
	Referred: All other judges
Habeas corpus case under §2255	Not referred: Judges Kinkeade, O'Connor, Pittman, Hendrix, Cummings, McBryde, and Means
	Referred: All other judges
Death penalty habeas corpus case	Not referred: Judges O'Connor, Pittman, Hendrix, Fitzwater, Cummings, and Means
	Referred: Judges Lynn, Lindsay, Boyle, Scholer, Kacsmatyk, Starr, and Fish
	Referred to Magistrate Judge Rutherford for disposition of motion to appoint counsel, even if case is otherwise referred to preliminarily assigned magistrate judge: Judges Lynn, Lindsay, Godbey, Kinkeade, Boyle, Scholer, Starr, Brown, Fish
Foreclosure case	Not referred: Judges Godbey, Boyle, O'Connor, Pittman, Fitzwater, Cummings, McBryde, and Means
	Referred: All other judges
Other pro se civil case, except bankruptcy	Not referred: Judges Boyle, Kacsmatyk, Fitzwater, Cummings, McBryde, and Means
	Referred: All other judges
<i>In forma pauperis</i> civil case or motion	Not referred: Judges O'Connor, Kacsmatyk, Pittman, Cummings, McBryde, and Means
	Referred: All other judges
Other civil or miscellaneous case	Not referred: All judges
Motion for certificate of appealability	Not referred: Judges O'Connor, Kacsmatyk, Pittman, Hendrix, Starr, Cummings, McBryde, and Means
	Referred: All other judges
Initial proceedings in felony and misdemeanor criminal cases through arraignment; all proceedings in a petty case	Referred to the duty magistrate judge: All judges
Motion for reconsideration of order of detention, motion to modify condition of release, or violation of condition of release	Referred to the Dallas magistrate judge who issued the related order; otherwise, referred to the duty magistrate judge: All judges