

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE:

PROCEDURES FOR ASSIGNMENT  
OF CASES THAT HAVE BEEN FILED  
AGAINST A JUDGE, MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE, CLERK OF COURT, OR  
EMPLOYEE OF THE COURT

STANDING ORDER NO. 2024-03

(Supersedes Standing Order 19-06)

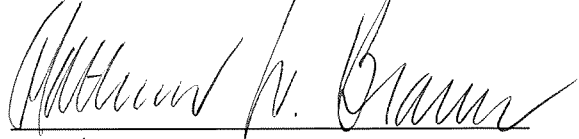
**STANDING ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that a civil action filed against a judge or magistrate judge in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, shall be assigned to a District Court Judge in a vicinage other than where the named defendant judge or magistrate judge maintains his or her permanent duty station. If the assignee judge determines that the suit is frivolous, or if judicial immunity is plainly applicable, the assignee judge need not recuse. If the assignee judge does not find the suit to be frivolous or that judicial immunity is a complete defense, then the assignee judge shall notify the Harrisburg Division Supervisor and the Williamsport Division Supervisor, who shall follow the Local Policy for intra-circuit assignment to a judge outside of the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a civil action filed against the Clerk of Court or an employee of the court, shall be assigned according to the court's Civil Case Assignment Policy. If the assignee judge determines that the suit is frivolous, the assignee judge need not recuse. If the assignee judge does not find the suit to be frivolous, then the assignee judge shall notify the Harrisburg Division Supervisor and

the Williamsport Division Supervisor, who shall follow the Local Policy for intra-circuit assignment to a judge outside of the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew W. Brann", written over a horizontal line.

Matthew W. Brann  
Chief United States District Judge

Dated: April 25, 2024