

SO 3.311 Magistrate Judge Referrals

JUDGE ROBERT G. JAMES

This order shall govern all actions filed in this court in the Monroe Division and assigned to Judge Robert G. James, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Civil Cases

All civil actions, except habeas corpus petitions and prisoner petitions involving conditions of confinement, petitions for review of a denial of a claim for benefits under the Social Security Act, **42 U.S.C. 405(g)**, and cases arising under ERISA, **29 U.S.C. 1132**, shall be referred to the assigned magistrate judge for disposition of all pretrial matters arising through the date of the final pretrial conference, or such other date as the court may direct in any particular case. This reference shall include:

(1) Any conferences held in furtherance of **Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure**,

(2) Any discovery motions or other non-dispositive proceedings in accordance with **28 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)(A)**,

(3) Any motions, other than discovery motions, to wit:

(a) Non-dispositive motions, and

(b) Motions to dismiss, which will be referred to the assigned magistrate judge for Report and Recommendation.

NOTE:

Motions for summary judgment, either in whole or in part, shall be noticed for disposition by Judge Robert G. James. Joint or voluntary motions to dismiss will also be sent to Judge Robert G. James for disposition.

(4) All other matters authorized by law.

Habeas corpus petitions and prisoner petitions involving conditions of confinement shall be referred to the assigned magistrate judge for Report and Recommendation, including any evidentiary hearings if needed.

All petitions for review of a denial of a claim for benefits under the Social Security Act, **42 U.S.C. 405(g)** shall be referred to the assigned magistrate judge for Report and Recommendation.

All cases arising under ERISA, **29 U.S.C. 1132**, shall be referred to the assigned magistrate judge for Report and Recommendation.

Magistrate Judge Karen L. Hayes is authorized to enter any orders necessary to facilitate review of referred matters, including, but not limited to, orders for the filing of pleadings, motions, and memoranda. Magistrate Judge Karen L. Hayes is further authorized to conduct evidentiary hearings.

Criminal Cases

All criminal actions shall be referred to the assigned magistrate judge for disposition of all pretrial matters arising through the date of the final pretrial conference, or such other date as the court may direct in any particular case. This reference shall include:

- (1) Discovery;
- (2) Motions, to wit:
 - (a) Non-dispositive motions;
 - (b) Substantive motions, which will be referred to the assigned magistrate judge for Report and Recommendation.
- (3) Pretrial conferences;
- (4) All other matters authorized by law.

Magistrate Judge Karen L. Hayes is authorized to enter any orders necessary to facilitate review of referred matters, including, but not limited to, orders for the filing of pleadings, motions, and memoranda. Magistrate Judge Karen L. Hayes is further authorized to conduct evidentiary hearings.

Nothing in this order shall preclude Judge Robert G. James from withdrawing the reference of any matter.