

SO 3.311 Magistrate Judge Referrals

JUDGE TERRY A. DOUGHTY

This order shall govern all actions filed in this court and assigned to Judge Terry A. Doughty, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Civil Cases

All civil actions (except habeas corpus petitions; prisoner complaints involving conditions of confinement; and complaints for review of the denial of benefits under: 1) the Social Security Act, **42 U.S.C. 405(g)**, and 2) the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (“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) Discovery 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.
- 4) All other matters authorized by law.

NOTE: *Motions for summary judgment, either in whole or in part, shall be noticed for disposition by Judge Terry A. Doughty. Joint or voluntary motions to dismiss also will be referred to Judge Terry A. Doughty for disposition.*

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 in which the only viable demand arises from the denial of medical, disability or retirement benefits under a qualified welfare plan shall be referred to the assigned magistrate judge for the purpose of preparing a Report and Recommendation and conducting all necessary proceedings incidental thereto.

The assigned magistrate judge 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. The assigned magistrate judge is further authorized to conduct evidentiary hearings.

Criminal Cases

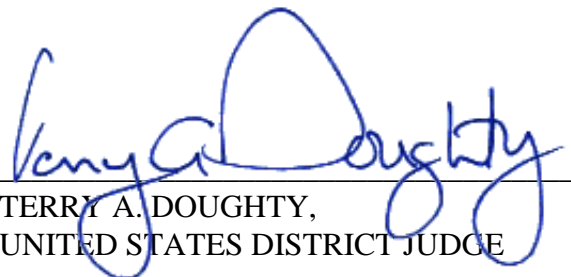
All criminal actions shall be referred to the assigned magistrate judge for disposition of all pretrial matters arising through the date of the final pretrial conference, or such other date as the court may direct in any particular case. This reference shall include:

- 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.

The assigned magistrate judge 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. The assigned magistrate judge is further authorized to conduct evidentiary hearings.

Nothing in this order shall preclude Judge Terry A. Doughty from withdrawing the reference of any matter.

Thus signed this 9th day of June, 2021.


TERRY A. DOUGHTY,
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE