

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF "REGULAR)
CIVIL CASES" TO UNITED STATES) GENERAL ORDER NO. 03-3156
MAGISTRATE JUDGES)

For good cause, it is

ORDERED that this court's General Order 03-3156, document #2, entered September 20, 2006, which temporarily suspended the assignment of "regular civil cases" to United States Magistrate Judges of this Court, is hereby VACATED effective October 1, 2007.

It is further ORDERED that Paragraph 1.A. of document #1, General Order No.03-3156, dated August 29, 2003, be and is hereby AMENDED as follows:

1. Beginning on the effective date set forth in this order, the Clerk of the Court shall initiate procedures which accomplish the following:

A. The identification of thirty percent (30%) of the "regular civil cases" for primary assignment to a Magistrate Judge and the random assignment of those cases to one of the Court's Magistrate Judges. For the purposes of this order the term "regular civil cases" means civil cases which are not pro se or bankruptcy cases, and the term "primary assignment" means presumptive assignment of a case to a Magistrate Judge for *all* purposes including entry of judgment unless a party declines consent.

In all other respects the provisions of General Order No. 03-3156 as amended by this order shall continue in full force and effect.

The effective date of this Order is October 1, 2007.

Done this 23rd day of August, 2007

/s/ Mark E. Fuller
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

/s/ Myron H. Thompson
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

/s/ W. Keith Watkins
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE