

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

IN RE: \*  
DIRECT ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL CASES \* MISC. NO. 00-308  
TO MAGISTRATE JUDGES \*

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**STANDING ORDER 2023-01**

In order to increase the utilization of the Magistrate Judges and increase the availability of civil trials, on September 26, 2018, this Court approved the adoption of a three-year pilot project to randomly assign a limited number of civil cases directly to the Magistrate Judges of this Court for all proceedings and the entry of a final judgment, subject to the consent of all parties. On November 6, 2019, the Court amended the procedures of the pilot project by Standing Order 2019-07. After careful consideration of the program, the Court has determined that the pilot project has been successful and should become permanent. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland that the direct assignment of certain civil cases to the Magistrate Judges is authorized as a permanent program and will continue as detailed in Standing Order 2019-07 absent further Order of the Court.

Date: March 30, 2023

/s/ JAMES K. BREDAR  
James K. Bredar, Chief Judge  
United States District Court