

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

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
N.D. OF ALABAMA

IN RE: )  
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GENERAL ORDER FOR )  
REFERRAL OF CIVIL MATTERS )  
TO THE UNITED STATES )  
MAGISTRATE JUDGES )

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDER

Effective immediately, paragraphs 4 and 5 of the General Order for Referral of Civil Matters to the United States Magistrate Judges, previously entered by the court on May 8, 1998, are amended by the addition of the following sentence at the end of each paragraph:

"For purposes of Rule 72(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the referral to a district judge of a case initially assigned to a magistrate judge under this Order for the purpose of conducting a review of an order or ruling by the magistrate judge, shall be deemed to be an 'assignment' of the case to the district judge while the review is pending."

In all other respects, the General Order for Referral of Civil Matters to the United States Magistrate Judges is re-affirmed.

DONE this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000.

  
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U.W. CLEMON  
CHIEF JUDGE