

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

MAR 27 2012

Thomas M. Gould, Clerk
U. S. District Court
W. D. OF TN, MemphisRe: Order Amending Local Rule 83.8(a)(1)
Assignment of CasesAdministrative Order
No. 2012-08

ORDER

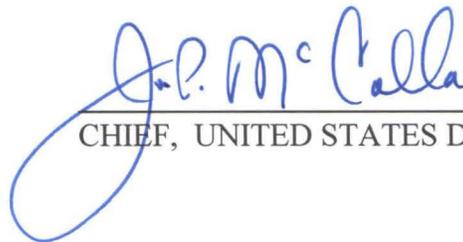
Pursuant to the rule-making authority granted the court by 28 U.S.C. § 2071, the recommendation of the Standing Local Rules Committee and in compliance with the Policies and Procedures for Assignment of Patent Cases, Local Rule 83.8 (a)(1) is hereby amended to include patent cases as an exception to the case types assigned to a presiding magistrate judge.

The amended Local Rule 83.8 (a)(1) will read:

- (a) Initial Assignment of Cases. Unless otherwise ordered, cases in the Western District shall be assigned according to the following rules:
- (1) Upon the filing of a complaint, the clerk shall assign each civil case, except bankruptcy appeals, cases requesting temporary restraining orders or other preliminary injunctive relief, habeas corpus cases, §2255 and § 2254 cases, *pro se* cases, *in rem* forfeiture cases, death penalty cases and patent cases to either a district judge or a magistrate judge, as the presiding trial judge, by random selection using a system that insures that assignments are made on a random basis, without consideration of the identity of the judge in making the assignment. For each case assigned to a district judge as presiding judge, a magistrate judge will also be assigned to hear and decide non-dispositive pretrial and discovery matters. Unless otherwise ordered, Eastern Division cases will be assigned only to either the district judge or the magistrate judge who currently sits in Jackson as the presiding judges.

The Clerk of Court shall cause notice of this amendment to be published on the court's web page for a period of thirty days, and thereafter furnish a copy of Amended Local Rule 83.8 to the Judicial Council of the Sixth Circuit.

DONE and ORDERED as Memphis, Tennessee on this 27 day of March, 2012

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J.P. McCalla". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the beginning of the "J".

CHIEF, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE