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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
CLEVELAND

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2003-72

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OF THE VENUE OF CIVIL CASES ORIGINATING FROM ERIE AND HURON COUNTIES TO CLEVELAND UNDER LOCAL RULE 3.8 FOR CASE ASSIGNMENT PURPOSES	)	ORDER NO. 2003- 72

An imbalance in pending civil cases has developed between the judges in the Eastern Division and the judges in the Western Division, with Western Division judges having dockets that are in many cases two to three times as large. In order to better serve the parties in all cases arising in the Western Division, and to more equitably balance the current workload of the entire Court, the judges of the district have determined, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 137, that effective January 1, 2004, civil cases arising out of Erie and Huron counties shall temporarily be designated as having a venue of Cleveland under LR 3.8 for the purpose of the random case assignment under LR 3.4. As a result, those cases may be assigned to any judge in the Eastern Division. This temporary designation will continue until further order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

For the Court

Paul R. Matia

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Chief Judge
United States District Court