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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

Assignment of Patent Cases to
Judge Sara Lioi

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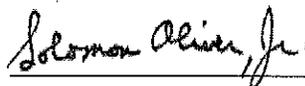
Judge Sara Lioi received a larger share of the patent cases that were reassigned from the dockets of Judge Peter C. Economus and Judge Ann Aldrich when their dockets were closed due to several cases being related to each other, as well as to the random reassignment process. This has resulted in Judge Lioi currently having the largest number of pending patent cases in the district, in addition to the remainder of her civil and criminal dockets, which have included a significant number of complex, time-consuming criminal matters related to the Cuyahoga County public corruption cases.

In order to help offset the imbalance of patent cases and provide Judge Lioi with assistance, the Clerk's Office is directed to void the next five newly filed patent cases randomly assigned to Judge Lioi and randomly reassign those new cases to another district judge. Judge Lioi's case assignment card is to be placed back in the deck to be used for the assignment of another case of a different type.

The Clerk's Office shall also ensure that the magistrate judge assigned to the newly filed cases complies with the location based protocol for magistrate judge assignments set forth in Fifth Amended General Order 98-17. A docket event indicating the reassignment(s) shall be made on the appropriate cases.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

For the Court



Solomon Oliver, Jr.
Chief Judge