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United States District Court Northern District of Ohio General Order

## **GENERAL ORDER NO. 2019-18**

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

CAPITAL HABEAS CORPUS CASE PROCEDURES AND REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEATH PENALTY LAW CLERK	) ) ) )	ORDER NO. 2019-18
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At the regular judges' meeting held on October 4, 1999, the Court approved procedures for managing capital habeas corpus cases from intake through final disposition. The goal of these procedures is to promote an expeditious and pro-active approach to managing capital habeas corpus cases. A judicial officer may elect to follow these procedures, in whole or in part, depending upon case-specific circumstances and personal preferences.

Absent unusual circumstances, capital habeas corpus cases shall not be referred to a magistrate judge for substantive review.

A request for a death penalty law clerk's assistance on substantive issues must be made in writing to the Chief Judge. The request must include the scope of the need for assistance. The Chief Judge will determine the availability of the death penalty law clerk to accommodate the request.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT

Patricia A. Gaughan

Chief Judge