

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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IN RE: THE MATTER OF MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE RAY KENT and THE ASSIGNMENT  
and REASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN CASES

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Administrative Order  
No. 15-CA-59

**WHEREAS** Magistrate Judge Hugh W. Brenneman, Jr. has announced his retirement, effective July 31, 2015; and

**WHEREAS** the District Judges of this Court have unanimously appointed Ray Kent as a Magistrate Judge of this Court, effective August 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS** an orderly transition is in the interest of the Court and all litigants;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** as follows effective August 1, 2015:

- A. Magistrate Judge Ray Kent will be randomly assigned southern division civil cases filed on and after August 1, 2015, in accordance with Administrative Order 15-047.
- B. All pending civil matters, heretofore referred to Magistrate Judge Hugh W. Brenneman, Jr. are referred to Magistrate Judge Ray Kent.
- C. Magistrate Judge Ray Kent will be automatically disqualified from all activity on any criminal cases filed prior to August 1, 2015, for a period of one year.
- D. Magistrate Judge Ray Kent will also be automatically disqualified from the following:

Any matter, regardless of when it was filed, in which Magistrate Judge Kent personally represented the defendant or any other party.

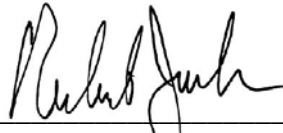
Any matter, regardless of when it was filed, involving a defendant, or other party, about whom Magistrate Judge Kent has confidential information which was acquired in his role as Federal Public Defender.

Any other matter in which a defendant, or other party, was represented by the office of the Federal Public Defender between February 14, 2005 and July 31, 2015, will be reviewed by Magistrate Judge Kent on a case-by-case basis,

to determine if recusal is necessary or reassignment to Magistrate Judge Kent is appropriate.

- E. Any post-judgment matters that arise in any civil or criminal matter previously assigned or referred to Magistrate Judge Hugh W. Brenneman, Jr. will be automatically reassigned to Magistrate Judge Ray Kent, subject to the exceptions noted above in subsections C and D.
- F. Any new criminal cases filed on and after August 1, 2015, will be assigned to Magistrate Judge Ray Kent pursuant to the approved procedure, subject to the exceptions noted above in subsection D.

FOR THE COURT:



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Robert J. Jonker  
Chief United States District Judge

Dated: July 23, 2015