

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER,)
IN RE JOHNSTOWN DOCKET) Misc. No. 2:19-mc- 1141
CASE ASSIGNMENT MATTERS)
)

ORDER

AND NOW, the 23rd day of October, 2019, after consultation with the District Judges resident in the Court's Johnstown Division, and with the chairperson of the Court's Case Assignment Committee, the following Administrative Order is entered:

1. The Clerk of the Court shall promptly establish a civil case assignment wheel for the random assignment of civil actions on the Johnstown Docket to the District Judges resident in that Division, subject to the designated availability of the Senior District Judge in that Division for the acceptance of civil cases in that Division;
2. The Clerk of the Court shall promptly arrange for the transfer of an appropriate number of pending civil actions in the Johnstown Division to Judge Haines so as to achieve an equitable distribution of pending civil cases in that Division among the District Judges in that Division;
3. In recognition of the fact that District Judge Haines was, prior to her appointment as a District Judge, the resident Assistant United States Attorney in the Johnstown Division, having both direct "line" and supervisory responsibilities for prosecutions in that Division, and to facilitate the expeditious assignment of criminal proceedings in that Division while permitting Judge Haines to fulfill her obligations under the Code of Conduct

applicable to United States Judges, for the period from the date of this Order until six (6) months after the entry of this Order, Judge Haines will not be directly or randomly assigned criminal cases in the Johnstown Division. All such cases shall be initially assigned to Senior District Judge Gibson, who may, consistent with Court policy, relinquish the assignment of any such case, and if permitted by the Code of Conduct, Judge Haines may on a case by case basis accept the assignment of one or more such criminal cases by transferred assignment. Judge Haines may also accept the assignment of criminal cases in the Pittsburgh or Erie Divisions of the Court, under such random case assignment procedures as may be established by the Clerk of this Court with the concurrence of Judge Haines and the chairperson of the Court's Case Assignment Committee;

4. This Order shall remain in effect unless modified or vacated by subsequent Order.



Mark R. Hornak
Chief United States District Judge