

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

IN RE: RESIGNATION OF ) Misc. No. 11-283  
APPOINTMENT AS )  
DESIGNATED PATENT )  
JUDGE )  
)

ORDER

WHEREAS, this court is participating in the Pilot Program in Certain District Courts related to patents and plant variety protection, Pub. L. No. 111-349, 124 Stat. 3674, 28 U.S.C. § 137 (the "Patent Pilot Program"); and

WHEREAS then-Chief Judge Gary L. Lancaster, by order dated October 12, 2011, appointed Judge Arthur J. Schwab ("Judge Schwab") to be a Designated Patent Judge; and

WHEREAS Judge Schwab notified the presiding Chief Judge that he is resigning his appointment as a Designated Patent Judge;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective August 19, 2016, Judge Schwab shall no longer be a Designated Patent Judge under the Patent Pilot Program;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on the effective date, Judge Schwab's name shall be removed from the Designated Patent Judge electronic assignment deck, and Judge Schwab shall be permitted to enter an Order Declining Assignment of a patent case in the same manner as any other district judge on this

court who is not a Designated Patent Judge;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Schwab shall continue to preside over any patent cases pending before him as of 4:30 p.m. on August 18, 2016, including any cases that are administrative closed or stayed as of that date and time, unless withdrawal or recusal becomes necessary at a later date for any reason, at which time standard procedures will be followed;

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that as a result of Judge Schwab's resignation of his appointment as a Designated Patent Judge, the Designated Patent Judges for this court are Chief Judge Joy Flowers Conti, Judge Nora Barry Fischer, Judge Mark R. Hornak, and Judge Cathy Bissoon.

Date: August 18, 2016

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Joy Flowers Conti  
JOY FLOWERS CONTI, Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Western District of Pennsylvania