

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

IN RE: PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE)	
ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN CIVIL)	
ACTIONS FILED IN THE JOHNSTOWN)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-01
DIVISION)	2:24-mc-10001
)	

ORDER REASSIGNING CERTAIN CIVIL ACTIONS

AND NOW, this 20th day of January 2026, after due consideration and in furtherance of the continued sound management of the Court’s dockets and to continue to facilitate the just determination of every proceeding, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 137(a), LCvR 40(F) and Administrative Order 2025-24, and


Upon this Court’s finding that the volume of cases being filed in the Johnstown Division by individuals who are, or have been, detained at the Moshannon Valley Processing Center, a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention Facility, arising out of, related to, or regarding said detention (hereafter referred to as “Moshannon Cases”), presents exceptional circumstances and raises unanticipated case assignment and management issues of an emergency nature,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective January 20, 2026, and continuing until the end of the calendar year, all Moshannon Cases, will be randomly assigned to the following judicial officers only:

The United States District Judge who is resident in the Johnstown Division; and
Those United States District Judges who are resident in the Pittsburgh Division
and have been specifically designated, by Administrative Order, to receive
assignment of Moshannon Cases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following District Judges are hereby designated to receive assignment of Moshannon Cases filed on or after January 20, 2026: District Judge Stephanie L. Haines, District Judge J. Nicholas Ranjan, District Judge William S. Stickman, IV, and District Judge Christy Criswell Wiegand.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cathy Bissoon", written in black ink.

Cathy Bissoon
Chief United States District Judge