

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

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN)
CIVIL CASES PENDING BEFORE (RET.)) **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-10**
MAGISTRATE JUDGE KEITH A. PESTO)
) 2:24-mc-10001

ORDER

AND NOW, this 31st day of March 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), and LCvR 40(F);

IT IS ORDERED that because the Chief Judge has found that exceptional circumstances exist, including the gap in magistrate judge staffing in this Court's Johnstown Division between the retirement of former Magistrate Judge Keith A. Pesto on February 28, 2026, and the recall appointment, effective April 1, 2026, of Magistrate Judge Peter E. Ormsby, Local Civil Rule 40(G) does not apply to the transfer of any case that was assigned to Judge Pesto, whether as presiding or referral judge, at the time of his retirement; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk's Office will make a notation on the docket of each case reflecting the fact that the case has been transferred upon the authority of this Administrative Order, and each counsel and *pro se* party of record will receive notification through the CM/ECF procedures or by mail. Because this Administrative Order is available for public viewing on the Court's website, a copy of this Administrative Order need not be docketed in each case.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Cathy Bissoon
Chief United States District Judge