

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

IN RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF)
PATENT PILOT PROGRAM) Misc. No. 2:11-mc-00283
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ORDER VACATING PATENT PILOT COURT PROCEDURES

The Court having been advised that the “Patent Pilot Program” implemented pursuant to Public Law 111-349 having expired by its statutory terms as of July 1, 2021, and it appearing that “patent cases” filed with this Court at civil case category 830 should now be assigned in the normal course via the random case assignment processes generally applicable to civil cases, it is hereby ORDERED that the Administrative Order at ECF No. 1 in this Miscellaneous Docket, and all subsequent implementing Orders, are hereby VACATED, and such civil cases shall going forward be assigned pursuant to the Court’s random assignment protocols for civil cases and this Order.

This Order shall not affect the current assignment of any civil action in this Court. Further, upon consultation with the judicial officers of this Court, it is further ORDERED that the Clerk shall exempt the United States Magistrate Judges from the random direct assignment of such civil actions. The intent of this Order is that cases in civil action category 830 are hereafter otherwise to be assigned in the ordinary course as in the case of any other civil action.

s/ Mark R. Hornak
Mark R. Hornak
Chief United States District Judge

Dated: July 6, 2021