

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Richmond Division**

**IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF PRO SE PRISONER ACTIONS**

**REVISED STANDING ORDER  
(Revising Standing Order Entered October 26, 2020)**

The purpose of this standing order is to provide direction to the Clerk for assignment of *pro se* prisoner matters. The Clerk is hereby DIRECTED to assign all such matters to the United States Magistrate Judge Mark R. Colombell ("Magistrate Judge"). Nothing in this Order shall preclude a United States District Judge ("District Judge"), subject to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(4), from withdrawing from the Magistrate Judge, or reserving for disposition by a District Judge, any proceeding. A District Judge may modify this Order as to any particular case or accept any case for assignment as he or she may deem appropriate.

All *pro se* civil actions, filed by a prisoner or a civil detainee, including petitions for writs of habeas corpus, shall be referred to the Magistrate Judge to address all nondispositive matters. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). Additionally, where appropriate, the Magistrate Judge may also issue Reports and Recommendations on dispositive matters in *pro se* prisoner cases.

*See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B).

All *pro se* motions for relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 filed by inmates assigned to District Judges Lauck, Novak, Young, Payne, Hudson, and Gibney shall be referred to the Magistrate Judge for issuance of initial orders and for addressing nondispositive matters. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A).

It is SO ORDERED.

Date: 05/19/2025  
Richmond, Virginia

  
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/s/  
M. Hannah Lauck  
United States District Judge