

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CRIMINAL CASES
TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Misc. No.: 5:14-mc-18

FIRST AMENDED STANDING ORDER

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 636(b)(1)(A) and 636(b)(1)(B), it is hereby ORDERED that all future criminal actions filed in this Court will be automatically assigned to the appropriate United States Magistrate Judge for the purpose of doing all things proper to hear and determine or make recommendations for disposition of any pretrial non-dispositive motions, excluding motions in limine. The magistrate judge may, without limitation, conduct hearings on the motions, if necessary, and enter into the record a written order setting forth the disposition of the motions or recommendation for disposition, as the case may be.

Referrals shall be made by the Clerk's office on case opening as follows:

1. All Clarksburg and Elkins point of holding court criminal cases shall be assigned to Magistrate Judge Michael John Aloj;
2. All Martinsburg point of holding court criminal cases shall be assigned to Magistrate Judge Robert W. Trumble; and
3. All Wheeling point of holding court criminal cases shall be assigned to Magistrate Judge James E. Seibert.

If conflicts or unusual circumstances arise in any matter assigned to any magistrate judge, the district judge to whom the case is assigned or, in his or her absence, the chief judge will evaluate the assignment and, if necessary, reassign the matter to the appropriate

magistrate judge and advise the Clerk's office accordingly.

ORDERED, this 1st day of October, 2015, by the United States District Court
for the Northern District of West Virginia.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gina M. Groh", written over a horizontal line.

GINA M. GROH
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE