

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

IN RE: PILOT PROGRAM FOR
PATENT CASES

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MISC. NO. 00-308

STANDING ORDER 2011-03

The U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland has been selected by the Administrative Office for the United States Courts as a participating court in the Pilot Program for Patent Cases, Pub. L. No. 111-349, 124 Stat. 3,674. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the following procedures shall apply to the assignment of patent cases:

1. Any district judge is eligible to serve as a pilot program judge and may participate by notifying the Chief Judge. At least one pilot program judge must be an active district judge.
2. Within thirty (30) days of the initial filing of the case, any non-participating district judge may request that the Clerk reassign the case to a pilot program judge. Re-filed cases that were previously dismissed are not eligible for transfer into the pilot program.
3. Upon notice from the assigned judge, the Clerk shall randomly reassign the case to a pilot program judge without regard to the divisional requirements of Local Rule 501.
4. To ensure random assignment, the Clerk shall establish a separate assignment deck for use in the reassignment of cases transferred into the pilot program. Each pilot program judge shall appear in this deck an equal number of times.

Sept 7, 2011
Date

Deborah K. Chasanow
Deborah K. Chasanow, Chief Judge
United States District Court