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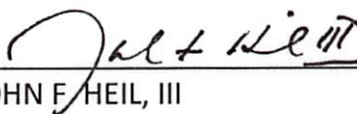
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF
JURY TRIALS IN CIVIL CASES

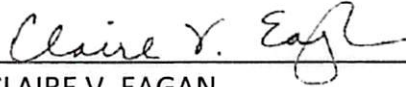
GENERAL ORDER 22-04

The Court has a significant number of criminal cases awaiting trial due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the decision of the Supreme Court in *McGirt v. United States*, 140 S. Ct. 2452, 207 L. Ed. 2d 985 (2020). Criminal cases must be tried before civil cases. Absent extraordinary circumstances, civil cases will not be tried before a district judge in the foreseeable future. The Court will address pending motions in civil cases as its schedule permits; however, the Court’s ability to do so will be subject to the demands of its criminal docket. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 73, the parties in a civil case may consent to proceeding before a magistrate judge, including for dispositive motions and/or a jury or nonjury trial. The AO-85 consent forms are available on the U.S. District Court website. The parties are advised that they are free to withhold consent to proceed before a magistrate judge without any adverse consequences; the parties are reminded of this option only as a possible means of expediting the final resolution of their civil case. The parties are also advised that they may request an additional settlement conference at any time.


IT IS SO ORDERED this 27th day of January, 2022.




JOHN F. HEIL, III
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



CLAIRE V. EAGAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



GREGORY K. PRIZZELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



JOHN E. DOWDELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE