

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

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

**IN THE MATTER OF  
DESIGNATION OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
JAMES P. O'HARA FOR SERVICE IN THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

**GENERAL ORDER 22-08**


Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(f), in an emergency and upon the concurrence of the chief judges of the districts involved, a United States magistrate judge may be temporarily assigned to perform any of the duties specified in subsection (a), (b), or (c) of Section 636 in a judicial district other than the judicial district for which he or she has been appointed. No magistrate judge shall perform any of such duties in a district to which he or she has been temporarily assigned until an order has been issued by the chief judge of such district specifying (1) the emergency by reason of which the magistrate judge is being transferred, (2) the duration of his or her assignment, and (3) the duties which he or she is authorized to perform.

The Northern District of Oklahoma certifies the need for periodic emergency assistance from the Honorable James P. O'Hara, a magistrate judge in the District of Kansas, to perform the duties designated under 28 U.S.C. § 636, subsections (a), (b), and (c). The emergency in the district is that there has been a significant and permanent increase in felony filings resulting from the Supreme Court's decision in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, 591 U.S. \_\_\_, 140 S. Ct. 2452 (2020). During this time, there is a need for visiting magistrate judges to assist with matters, primarily felony preliminary proceedings and pretrial felony matters, on an emergency basis. The Northern District of Oklahoma further certifies that it will coordinate its requirements with the Honorable James P.

O'Hara so that his assistance will not conflict with the performance of his current assignments to the District of Kansas.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED**, with the concurrence of the Honorable Eric F. Melgren, Chief Judge of the District of Kansas, that United States Magistrate Judge James P. O'Hara is designated to hold court and perform other judicial duties under 28 U.S.C. § 636, subsections (a), (b), and (c), in the Northern District of Oklahoma from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, and for such further time as may be required for the judge to complete unfinished business that was assigned to the judge during the one-year period.

**SO ORDERED** this 14th day of March, 2022.

  
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JOHN F. HEIL, III  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE