

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS  
AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

**IN RE: THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES FROM THE  
DISTRICT OF KANSAS TO SERVE IN THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
AND FOR CERTAIN UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES  
FROM THE DISTRICT OF WESTERN MISSOURI  
TO SERVE IN THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631(a), where the Judicial Conference of the United States deems it desirable, a magistrate judge may be designated to serve in one or more districts adjoining the district for which he or she is appointed. Such a designation shall be made by the concurrence of a majority of the judges of each of the district courts involved and shall specify the duties to be performed by the magistrate judge in the adjoining district or districts.

At its March 2011 session, the Judicial Conference deemed it desirable and did designate the magistrate judge positions at Kansas City in the Western District of Missouri to exercise adjoining district jurisdiction in the District of Kansas, and the magistrate judge positions at Kansas City in the District of Kansas to exercise adjoining district jurisdiction in the Western District of Missouri. JCUS Mar 2011, p. 31-32.

By concurrence of a majority of the judges of the District of Kansas and the Western District of Missouri:


IT IS ORDERED that the following magistrate judges in Kansas City in the Western District of Missouri are authorized to exercise adjoining district jurisdiction in the District of Kansas, and the following magistrate judges at Kansas City in the District of Kansas are authorized to exercise adjoining district jurisdiction in the Western District of Missouri:

Magistrate Judge James P. O'Hara, D. Kan.  
Magistrate Judge Teresa J. James, D. Kan.  
Magistrate Judge Lajuana M. Counts, W.D. Mo.  
Magistrate Judge Jill A. Morris, W.D. Mo.  
Magistrate Judge W. Brian Gaddy, W.D. Mo.


The magistrate judges in both districts may hold court and perform other judicial duties under 28 U.S.C. § 636, subsections (a), (b), and (c).

It is further ORDERED that the designation herein made shall be entered of record in each of the captioned courts; that the Clerk for the District of Kansas shall promptly mail a certified copy of this Joint Order to the Director of the Administrative Office and deliver a copy of this Joint Order to each United States District Judge and United States Magistrate Judge in the District of Kansas, and that the Clerk for the Western District of Missouri shall deliver a copy of this Joint Order to each United States District Judge and U.S. Magistrate Judge in the Western District of Missouri.

Dated: September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

  
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JULIE A. ROBINSON  
Chief United States District Judge  
for the District of Kansas

Dated: August 30, 2021

  
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BETH PHILLIPS  
Chief United States District Judge  
for the Western District of Missouri