

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

IN RE:      REFERRAL OF CIVIL CASES      )  
ASSIGNED TO THE HON.      )      STANDING ORDER  
ROBERT S. BALLOU, UNITED      )  
STATES DISTRICT JUDGE      )      No. 2026-1

Civil cases assigned to the undersigned's docket, except for those involving Social Security claims or Prisoner cases, in the Roanoke Division and Lynchburg Division will be referred to the Honorable C. Kailani Memmer, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Virginia; such cases within the Charlottesville Division will be referred to the Honorable Joel C. Hoppe, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Virginia; and such cases in the Abingdon Division will be referred to the Honorable Pamela Meade Sargent, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Virginia, to conduct pretrial proceedings and rule on non-dispositive motions, except motions in limine, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A).

The Clerk is directed to enter this Order in the Order Books for the Abingdon, Charlottesville, Lynchburg and Roanoke Divisions.

It is **SO ORDERED.**

ENTER: This 8th day of January, 2026

*Robert S. Ballou*

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Robert S. Ballou  
United States District Judge