

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF WYOMING**

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DISTRICT OF WYOMING
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DESIGNATION OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE STEPHEN E. COLE
IN SOCIAL SECURITY CASES

Stephan Harris, Clerk
Cheyenne

GENERAL ORDER

This matter comes before the Court upon review of assignment of social security cases in the District of Wyoming.

Pursuant to United States District Court District for the District of Wyoming Local Rule 72.1(b), the District Court designates magistrate judges to conduct hearings, including evidentiary hearings pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Sections 636(b)(1)(B) and submit to a trial judge findings and recommendations for the final disposition by a district judge.

Local Rule 73.1(c)(2) for the United States District Court District for the District of Wyoming, Duties of Magistrate Judge provides in part: "Referral of Government Small Claim Cases. Pursuant to general order of the District Court, the Magistrate Judge is hereby authorized to conduct any and all proceedings, including evidentiary hearings, and submit to the Court proposed findings of fact and recommendations for the disposition by the Court of the following civil cases wherein the amount in controversy does not exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00): ... (2) Social Security." The Court finds that the reference to "Small Claim Cases" is no longer applicable and that the monetary limitation for the amount in controversy up to \$2,000.00 is artificially low. Therefore, the Court hereby strikes these limitations from the language of the rule and will amend the rule on a later date.

Magistrate Judge Stephen E. Cole is a full time Magistrate Judge sitting in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. In order to continue to provide efficient, satisfactory disposition in all cases brought before this Court, the Court hereby refers to Magistrate Judge Cole, social security cases filed in the District of Wyoming. Magistrate Judge

Cole shall conduct all hearings in social security cases as provided by Title 28, United States Code, Section 636(b)(1)(B) & (C).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the reference to "Small Claim Cases: and the \$2,000.00 limitation stated in United States District Court for the District of Wyoming Local Rule 73.1(c)(2) be, and the same is hereby rescinded. It is

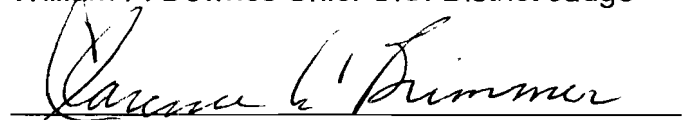
FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Sections 636(b)(1)(B) & (C), and United States District Court for the District of Wyoming Local Rule 73.1(c)(2) as amended, effective the date of this order, Magistrate Judge Stephen E. Cole is hereby designated as referral Magistrate Judge in all social security cases to assist the district court judges in the disposition of the same.

DATED this 16th day of April, 2007.

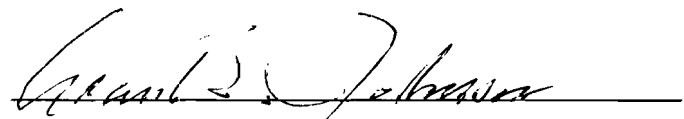
BY THE COURT



William F. Downes Chief U.S. District Judge



Clarence A. Brimmer, U.S. District Judge



Alan B. Johnson, U.S. District Judge