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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DIST. CHIO EAST. DIV. COULTABUS

IN RE SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS

## MAGISTRATE JUDGES' GENERAL ORDER CONCERNING SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS (EASTERN DIVISION)

1. The February 15, 2001, Magistrate Judges' General Order concerning Social Security Appeals is hereby **RESCINDED**.

2. All such cases filed at the Columbus seat of court on or after January 2, 2003, shall be assigned to a Magistrate Judge sitting in Columbus, Ohio.

3. The commissioner shall file and serve an answer and a certified copy of the administrative record, including transcript, within sixty (60) days after service of process.

4. Within thirty (30) days of service of the answer and administrative record, the plaintiff shall file and serve a "Statement of Errors" upon which plaintiff seeks reversal or remand. This statement shall be organized in the form of a memorandum in support of plaintiff's position and shall also include page references to the administrative record as well as citations of applicable law. Statements of Errors shall present the detail ordinarily expected in a motion for summary judgment.

5. Within thirty (30) days of service of the Statement of Errors, the commissioner shall file and serve a "Memorandum in Opposition" to plaintiff's Statement of Errors. This memorandum shall be organized in the form of a memorandum in opposition to the plaintiff's position and in support of the commissioner's decision, and shall also include page references to the administrative record as well as citations of applicable law.

6. The plaintiff may file and serve a reply memorandum within fifteen (15) days of service of the commissioner's Memorandum in Opposition.

7. Each such case will be decided on the memoranda and the administrative record, except that the Court reserves the right to hold oral argument, by telephone or otherwise, in any such case.

8. In cases decided by the Magistrate Judge upon consent under 28 U.S.C. §636(c), appeals shall be taken as provided by law. In cases in which the Magistrate Judge makes a Report and Recommendation to a District Judge, the time for filing objections shall be the ten (10) day period provided by 28 U.S.C. §636(b), F.R. Civ. P. 72 and all other applicable provisions of law.

9. This general order shall be effective upon filing.

Norah McCann King Chief United States Magistrate Judge

Mark R. Abel United States Magistrate Judge

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Terence P. Kemp United States Magistrate Judge