

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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IN RE: DESIGNATION OF MAGISTRATE )  
JUDGE SUZANNE MITCHELL FOR )  
SERVICE IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT )  
OF OKLAHOMA )

General Order No. 20-33

By PATRICK KEANEY  
Clerk, U.S. District Court  
Deputy Clerk

GENERAL ORDER

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 subsections (a), (b), or (c) thereof 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 the emergency by reason of which the Magistrate Judge is being transferred, the duration of his or her assignment, and the duties which he or she is authorized to perform.

The Eastern District of Oklahoma certifies the need for periodic emergency sessions from the Honorable Suzanne Mitchell, a Magistrate Judge in the Western District of Oklahoma, to perform the duties designated under 28 U.S.C. § 636, subsections (a), (b), and (c). The emergency in the district is that one or both of the Eastern District's Magistrate Judges may be unavailable to perform their duties due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, there is a need for visiting Magistrate Judges to assist with matters, primarily felony preliminary proceedings, on an emergency basis. The Eastern District of Oklahoma further certifies that it will coordinate its requirements with the Honorable Suzanne Mitchell so that her assistance will not conflict with the performance of her current assignments in the Western District of Oklahoma.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that the Honorable Ronald A. White, Chief Judge of the Eastern District of Oklahoma, with the concurrence of the Honorable Timothy D. DeGiusti, Chief Judge of the Western District of Oklahoma, hereby designates United States Magistrate Judge Suzanne Mitchell to hold court and perform other judicial duties under 28 U.S.C. § 636, subsections (a), (b), and (c) in the Eastern District of Oklahoma from December 14, 2020, to December 14, 2021, and for further times as may be required for the judge to complete unfinished business that was assigned to the judge during the one-year period.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

Ronald A. White  
Ronald A. White  
Chief United States District Judge  
Eastern District of Oklahoma

Timothy D. DeGiusti  
Timothy D. DeGiusti  
Chief United States District Judge  
Western District of Oklahoma