

99.9 CRIMINAL MATTERS HANDLED BY MAGISTRATE JUDGE

- (a) **Disposition of Misdemeanor Cases.** Unless otherwise limited or prohibited by an order of the Court en banc, each magistrate judge is designated, authorized, and empowered to:
1. Try persons accused of, and sentence persons convicted of, misdemeanors committed within or transferred to the District in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3401 and Fed. R. Crim. P. 58;
 2. Direct the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office to conduct a presentence investigation in any misdemeanor case; and
 3. Conduct a jury trial in any misdemeanor case where the defendant so requests and is so entitled under the Constitution and laws of the United States.
- (b) **Assignment of Criminal Matters to Magistrate Judges.**
1. **Misdemeanor Cases.** In a misdemeanor case, upon the filing of an information, complaint, violation notice, or return of an indictment, the Clerk must randomly assign the case to a magistrate judge in accordance with Rule 72.1(f).
 2. **Felony Cases.** In a felony case, upon the return of an indictment or the filing of any information, the Clerk must refer the case to a magistrate judge in accordance with Rule 72.1(f), and the assigned district judge must enter an order of reference.