

MAGISTRATE JUDGES' WORKLOAD

In addition to their numerous duties and responsibilities, the two magistrate judges are also assigned approximately 30% of all Southern civil cases for all purposes, including trial and entry of judgment, under the Magistrate Judge Opt-Out Program. During 2000, there were many “across the board” workload increases for the magistrate judges, as reflected by the following statistics. The magistrate judges also conducted twenty four settlement conferences last year, with over a 60% success ratio.

A. Chief Magistrate Judge Boyle's Workload The number of civil consent cases under § 636(c) increased 16% during 2000. Likewise, additional civil duties under § 636(b) rose by 40%, with the largest increases attributable to dispositive motions, 67% and non-dispositive motions, 44%. On the criminal side, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(a) duties, search warrants increased 87%, grand jury sessions went up 75% while initial appearances rose 15%. Under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) duties (felonies), non-dispositive motions increased by 111%, writs went up 29% and probation/ supervised released hearings rose 24%.

B. Magistrate Judge Williams' Workload There was a dramatic 21% increase in additional civil duties under § 636(b). Some of the individual elements, which accounted for this growth included a 288% increase in social security appeals, a 35% increase in non-dispositive motions and a 22% increase in dispositive motions. Also, under the supplemental civil consent category, the number of motions increased some 64%. Although criminal duties under 28 U.S.C. § 636(a) dropped 7% overall, there were significant increases in areas such as arraignments, which skyrocketed 867%, summonses, which went up 75%, and “other” that escalated 152%.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Civil Workload For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31 Chief Magistrate Judge Boyle					
	1998	% Change	1999	% Change	2000
PRISONER CASES					
State Habeas	0	-	0	-	0
Federal Habeas	0	-	1	-100%	0
Civil Rights	19	-79%	4	-100%	0
TOTAL	19	-74%	5	-100%	0
ADDITIONAL CIVIL DUTIES § 636(b)					
Non-Dispositive Motions	236	0%	237	44%	341
Dispositive Motions	39	10%	43	67%	72
Evidentiary Hearings	0	-	0	-	0
Fee Applications	0	-	0	-	0
Social Security Appeals	14	-50%	7	-29%	5
Settlement Conferences	13	31%	17	-29%	12
Pretrial Conferences	0	-	0	-	0
Motion Hearings /Arguments	52	-19%	42	33%	56
Other	0	-	1	-100%	0
TOTAL	354	-2%	347	40%	486
CIVIL CONSENT CASES § 636(c)					
Without Trial	47	-13%	41	22%	50
Jury Trial	2	-50%	1	0%	1
Non-Jury Trial	0	-	2	-100%	0
Total Case Terminations	49	-10%	44	16%	51
SUPPLEMENTAL CIVIL CONSENT INFORMATION					
Motions	316	-17%	261	-26%	192
Pre-Trial Conferences	73	-53%	34	94%	66
Other	0	-	3	-100%	0
TOTAL	389	-23%	298	-13%	258

**U.S. Magistrate Judge Criminal Workload
For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31
Chief Magistrate Judge Boyle**

	1998	% Change	1999	% Change	2000
PETTY OFFENSES					
Dismissed/Acquitted Without Trial	7	386%	34	-100%	0
Dismissed/Acquitted With Trial	1	-100%	0	-	0
Convicted Without Trial	42	-98%	1	-100%	0
Convicted With Trial	4	-50%	2	-100%	0
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	54	-31%	37	-100%	0
28 U.S.C. § 636(a) DUTIES					
Search Warrants	24	-4%	23	87%	43
Summonses	0	-	0	-	0
Arrest Warrants	3	100%	6	-100%	0
Initial Appearances	35	-3%	34	15%	39
Attorney Appointment Hearings	0	-	0	-	0
Detention Hearings	36	42%	51	-47%	27
Bail Reviews / Forfeitures	0	-	0	-	0
Preliminary Exams	2	-100%	0	-	4
Arraignments	100	3%	103	-7%	96
Grand Jury Sessions	6	33%	8	75%	14
Naturalization Proceedings	6	17%	7	-29%	5
Other	0	-	2	0%	2
TOTAL	212	10%	234	-2%	230
§ 636(b) DUTIES (FELONIES)					
Non-Dispositive Motions	50	-44%	28	111%	59
Dispositive Motions	13	-54%	6	-17%	5
Evidentiary Hearings	1	-100%	0	-	0
Pretrial Conferences / Omnibus Hearings	0	-	0	-	0
Mental Competency Hearings	0	-	0	-	0
Probation / Supervised Release Hearings	23	9%	25	24%	31
Writs	0	-	17	29%	22
Motion Hearings / Arguments	0	-	2	-100%	0
Guilty Plea Proceedings	0	-	0	-	0
Other	0	-	4	-100%	0

U.S. Magistrate Judge Civil Workload
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Magistrate Judge Williams

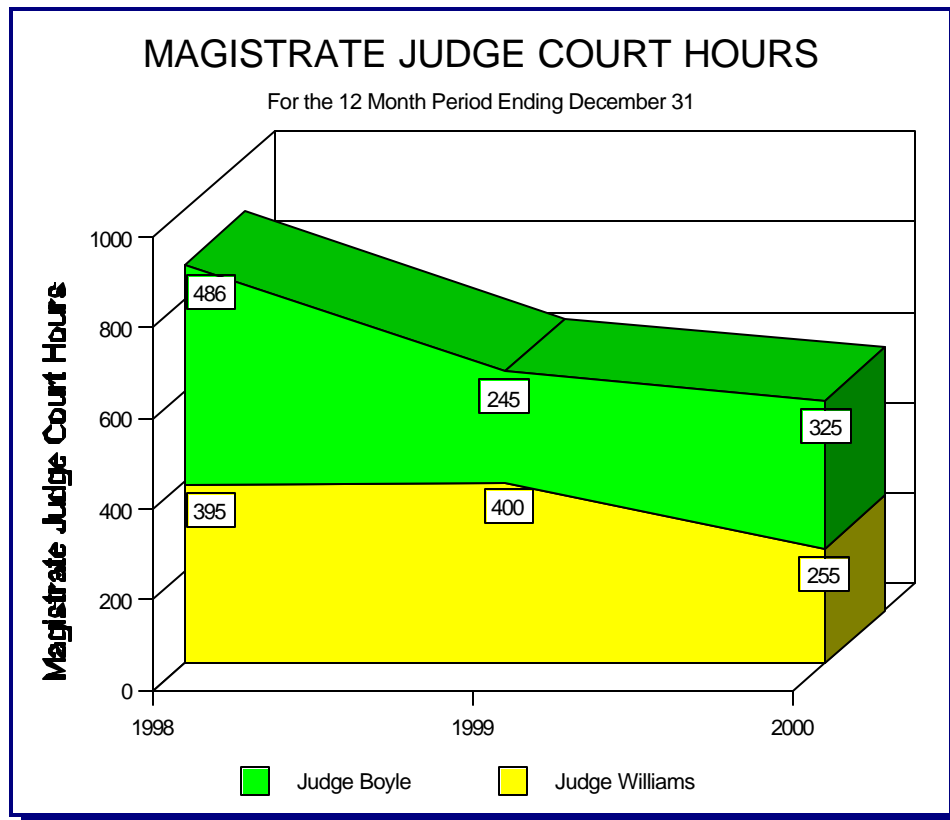
	1998	% Change	1999	% Change	2000
PRISONER CASES					
State Habeas	8	-100%	0	-	0
Federal Habeas	6	-83%	1	-100%	0
Civil Rights	25	-92%	2	50%	3
TOTAL	39	-92%	3	0%	3
ADDITIONAL CIVIL DUTIES § 636(b)					
Non-Dispositive Motions	176	17%	206	35%	279
Dispositive Motions	39	87%	73	22%	89
Evidentiary Hearings	2	-100%	0	-	0
Fee Applications	2	200%	6	-83%	1
Social Security Appeals	20	-60%	8	288%	31
Settlement Conferences	8	13%	9	33%	12
Pretrial Conferences	6	50%	9	-44%	5
Motion Hearings /Arguments	69	-14%	59	5%	62
Other	53	-49%	27	-100%	0
TOTAL	375	6%	397	21%	479
CIVIL CONSENT CASES § 636(c)					
Without Trial	40	-5%	38	0%	38
Jury Trial	1	400%	5	-80%	1
Non-Jury Trial	2	0%	2	-100%	0
Total Case Terminations	43	5%	45	-13%	39
SUPPLEMENTAL CIVIL CONSENT INFORMATION					
Motions	241	-20%	193	64%	316
Pre-Trial Conferences	43	84%	79	-42%	46
Other	74	35%	100	-72%	28
TOTAL	358	4%	372	5%	390

U.S. Magistrate Judge Criminal Workload
For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31
Magistrate Judge Williams

	1998	% Change	1999	% Change	2000
PETTY OFFENSES					
Dismissed/Acquitted Without Trial	134	51%	202	-100%	0
With Trial	3	-	0	-	0
Convicted Without Trial	144	4%	150	-80%	30
With Trial	21	-29%	15	-33%	10
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	302	22%	367	-89%	40
28 U.S.C. § 636(a) DUTIES					
Search Warrants	33	30%	43	-2%	42
Summonses	3	300%	12	75%	21
Arrest Warrants	27	22%	33	-18%	27
Initial Appearances	78	40%	109	-46%	59
Attorney Appointment Hearings	89	20%	107	-37%	67
Detention Hearings	37	-24%	28	11%	31
Bail Reviews /Forfeitures	0	-	0	-	0
Preliminary Exams	12	-92%	1	200%	3
Arraignments	34	-91%	3	867%	29
Grand Jury Sessions	11	36%	15	-27%	11
Naturalization Proceedings	10	-40%	6	-67%	2
Other	31	-19%	25	152%	63
TOTAL	365	5%	382	-7%	355
§ 636(b) DUTIES (FELONIES)					
Non-Dispositive Motions	13	-46%	7	86%	13
Dispositive Motions	22	-27%	16	-50%	8
Evidentiary Hearings	0	-	0	-	1
Pretrial Conferences / Omnibus Hearings	2	0%	2	50%	3
Mental Competency Hearings	1	-100%	0	-	2
Probation / Supervised Release Hearings	20	35%	27	-56%	12
Writs	19	-21%	15	-80%	3
Motion Hearings / Arguments	0	-	2	-100%	0
Guilty Plea Proceedings	7	-14%	6	-67%	2
Other	0	-	4	-100%	0

C. Magistrate Judge Court Hours During 2000, the number of Magistrate Judge court hours decreased by 10%. Although approximately 63% of the magistrate court proceedings took place in Boise, both magistrate judges routinely conducted court proceedings in Pocatello, Moscow, and Coeur d'Alene. In fact, the amount of court hours conducted at divisional offices rose dramatically during the past year, especially Pocatello, which increased 152% and accounted for 21% of the total magistrate court hours.

Magistrate Judge Court Hours					
For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31					
Magistrate Judge	1998	% Change	1999	% Change	2000
Boyle	486	-50%	245	33%	325
Williams	395	1%	400	-36%	255
Total	881	-27%	645	-10%	580



Magistrate Judge Court Hours by Location For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31					
	1998	% Change	1999	% Change	2000
Boise	658	-19%	531	-31%	367
Pocatello	68	-29%	48	152%	121
Moscow	61	-48%	32	75%	56
Coeur d'Alene	94	-64%	34	6%	36
Total	881	-27%	645	-10%	580

