

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION  
OF A MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR  
SERVICE IN ANOTHER DISTRICT

**STANDING ORDER**

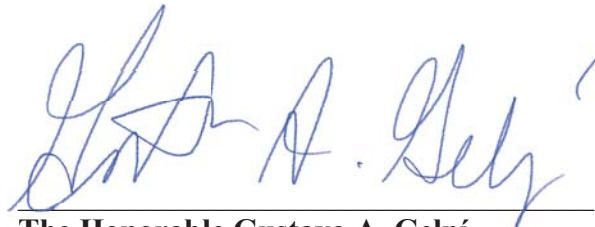
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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(f), in an emergency and upon the concurrence of the chief judges of the districts involved, a United States magistrate judge may be temporarily assigned to perform any of the duties specified in subsections (a), (b), or (c) of this section 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.

Due to the unavailability of all of the magistrate judges in the District of Puerto Rico, the assistance of a visiting magistrate judge is needed to perform the duties specified in 28 U.S.C. §§ 636 (a)-(c). For this reason, the court certifies the need for assistance from Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

**THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED**, with the concurrence of the Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Chief Judge of the Northern District of Illinois, that United States Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez is hereby designated to perform any and all judicial duties designated under 28 U.S.C. § 636, subsections (a), (b), and (c), on an as needed basis, in the District of Puerto Rico for the period of August 1, 2020 through February 1, 2021, and for such additional time thereafter as may be required to complete unfinished business.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.



**The Honorable Gustavo A. Gelpí  
Chief U.S. District Judge**