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EDNY IMPLEMENTS PATENT PILOT PROGRAM

The Eastern District of New York has announced that it has been designated as one of fourteen federal district courts selected to participate in a 10-year pilot program mandated by Pub. L. No. 111-349. The program is designed to enhance expertise in patent cases among U.S. district judges. The District has also certified to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts its intention to adopt local rules for patent and plant variety protection cases.

Six of the EDNY's district court judges and nine of its magistrate judges are participating in the pilot program.

The participating district judges in the Eastern District are Hon. Brian M. Cogan, Hon. John Gleeson, Hon. William F. Kuntz, Hon. Kiyoo A. Matsumoto, Hon. Joanna Seybert, and Hon. Jack B. Weinstein. The participating magistrate judges are Hon. Joan M. Azrack, Hon. Gary Brown, Hon. Marilyn D. Go, Hon. Steven M. Gold, Hon. James Orenstein, Hon. Cheryl L. Pollak, Hon. Ramon E. Reyes, Jr., Hon. Kathleen A. Tomlinson, and Hon. William D. Wall.

Under the program, patent cases filed in the Eastern District will continue to be assigned at random to district court and magistrate judges. District court or magistrate judges who are not participating in the pilot program have a brief period during which they may elect to reassign qualified cases to the program. Those cases will then be assigned at random to a participating judge.

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