IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

IN RE: JUDICIAL VACANCY

STANDING ORDER

At Wilmington this 15th day of December, 2006, in order to keep intact a docket for the judge who fills the vacancy left by the elevation of the Honorable Kent A. Jordan to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit;

IT IS ORDERED that, pending the investiture of said judge:

1. All civil cases previously assigned to Judge Jordan shall be reassigned to the vacant judicial position. But for cases filed under 28 U.S.C. §§ 158, 1334, 2254, and 2255, all such civil cases, and all such cases henceforth assigned to the vacant judicial position, shall be referred to Magistrate Judge Mary Pat Thynge for all pretrial proceedings, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b).

2. To the extent resources permit, the judges of the court shall endeavor to keep cases moving forward toward resolution, including resolution by trial.

United States District Judge