

## MAGISTRATE JUDGES' WORKLOAD

The two magistrate judges are assigned approximately 30% of all Southern and Eastern civil cases for all purposes, including trial and entry of judgment, subject to the express consent of all parties. In addition, the magistrate judges are randomly assigned all Social Security matters as well as, newly-filed prisoner and pro se cases, after a District Judge conducts an initial review and/or grants *in forma pauperis* status. During 2007, the magistrate judges also conducted 30 settlement conferences, with over a 60% success ratio.

Although the federal courts are no longer obligated to hold naturalization ceremonies, the District of Idaho believes in the importance of these proceedings. Magistrate Judge Mikel H. Williams presided over several ceremonies held throughout the course of the year in Boise and Pocatello.

**New Automated Statistical Data Collection System** The Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts implemented a new automated statistical data collection system for all magistrate judges midway through 2007. This significant improvement resulted in the magistrate judges receiving proper credit for various duties and responsibilities performed in several areas which previously were not being counted including pretrial felony cases, other civil duties under § 636(b) and the supplemental civil consent cases. For this reason, quadruple digit increases will sometimes be reflected in these categories for calendar year 2007.

**A. Chief Magistrate Judge Boyle's Workload** During 2007, with respect to various criminal duties performed under 28 U.S.C. § 636(a), CJA fee applications increased 57%; preliminary exams went up 10%; detention hearings rose 10% while initial appearances increased by 2%. Under §636(b) duties (felonies), the number of "other" events reflects a quadruple digit increase directly attributable to the new statistical data collection system described above. On the civil side, totals under § 636(b) duties increased by 81%, including a 27% increase in settlements conferences and a doubling of the Social Security appeals. There were significant increases in the prisoner case supplemental information categories, including non-despositive motions and *in forma pauperis* grants.

**B. Magistrate Judge Williams' Workload** The combined totals under the prisoner cases supplemental information heading increased by 324% during the past year. There were significant increases in certain areas of additional civil duties under §636(b) where Social Security appeals rose 116% and pretrial conferences went up 67%. In addition, substantial gains were reflected in the supplemental civil consent information category. On the criminal side, judgement debtor exams increased 275%, grand jury sessions rose by 50%, the number of initial appearances went up 23%, detention hearings increased rose by 15% while arraignments increased 4%. Under § 636(b) duties (felonies), the quadruple digit entry is again attributable to the new automated statistical data collection system described above.

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

	2005	% Change	2006	% Change	2006
<b>PRISONER CASES</b>					
State Habeas	0	-	0	-	0
Federal Habeas	0	-	0	-	0
Civil Rights	0	-	0	-	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PRISONER CASES - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION</b>					
Pretrial Conferences	0	-	0	-	0
Non-Dispositive Motions	0	-	0	-	24
In Forma Pauperis Grants	0	-	0	-	9
Fee Applications	0	-	0	-	0
Other	0	-	0	-	53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL CIVIL DUTIES § 636(b)</b>					
Non-Dispositive Motions	109	-20%	87	-41%	51
Dispositive Motions	0	-	13	-15%	11
Evidentiary Hearings	0	-	0	-	0
Fee Applications	0	-	0	-	0
Social Security Appeals	1	100%	2	100%	4
Settlement Conferences	12	25%	15	27%	19
Pretrial Conferences	0	-	1	0%	1
Motion Hearings /Arguments	5	40%	7	-43%	4
Other	0	-	0	-	136
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>CIVIL CONSENT CASES § 636(c)</b>					
Without Trial	76	-24%	58	-10%	52
Jury Trial	2	-100%	0	-	0
Bench Trial	2	0%	2	-50%	1
Total Case Terminations	80	-25%	60	-12%	53
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CIVIL CONSENT INFORMATION</b>					
Motions	744	-18%	608	-76%	148
Pre-Trial Conferences	62	-32%	42	-55%	19
Other	23	-30%	16	1688%	286
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>-32%</b>	<b>453</b>

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

	2005	% Change	2006	% Change	2007
<b>PETTY OFFENSES</b>					
Dismissed/Acquitted Without Trial	1	300%	4	25%	5
Dismissed/Acquitted With Trial	0	-	2	-100%	0
Convicted Without Trial	7	57%	11	-55%	5
Convicted With Trial	2	-100%	0	-	0
<b>TOTAL DISPOSITIONS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-41%</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>28 U.S.C. § 636(a) DUTIES &amp; MISC</b>					
Search Warrants	84	-27%	61	-2%	60
Summonses	6	-67%	2	-100%	0
Arrest Warrants	22	-32%	15	0%	15
Initial Appearances	148	38%	204	2%	209
Attorney Appointment Hearings	0	-	0	-	0
Detention Hearings	131	26%	165	10%	182
Bail Reviews / Forfeitures	0	-	0	-	0
Preliminary Exams	11	-9%	10	10%	11
Arraignments	186	-8%	172	-6%	161
Judgement Debtor Exams	0	-	0	-	5
Contempt Proceedings	0	-	0	-	1
CJA Fee Applications	126	-45%	69	57%	108
Grand Jury Sessions	26	35%	35	-37%	22
Naturalization Proceedings	0	-	1	-	0
Other	3	-67%	1	4100%	42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>816</b>
<b>§ 636(b) DUTIES (FELONIES)</b>					
Non-Dispositive Motions	143	171%	388	-79%	83
Dispositive Motions	8	0%	8	-100%	0
Evidentiary Hearings	0	-	0	-	1
Pretrial Conferences / Omnibus Hearings	1	300%	4	-75%	1
Mental Competency Hearings	0	-	0	-	0
Probation / Supervised Release Revocation Hearings	0	-	4	-75%	1
Writs	21	62%	34	-12%	30
Motion Hearings / Arguments	8	50%	12	-50%	6
Guilty Plea Proceedings	38	53%	58	-33%	39
Other	0	-	0	-	1368

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

	2005	% Change	2006*	% Change	2007
<b>PRISONER CASES</b>					
State Habeas	0	-	0	-	0
Federal Habeas	0	-	0	-	0
Civil Rights	4	0%	4	-100%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-100%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PRISONER CASES - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION</b>					
Pretrial Conferences	1	-100%	0	-	0
Non-Dispositive Motions	0	-	0	-	13
In Forma Pauperis Grants	18	-22%	14	-79%	3
Fee Applications	0	-	3	-100%	0
Other	3	-100%	0	-	56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>324%</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL CIVIL DUTIES § 636(b)</b>					
Non-Dispositive Motions	196	24%	243	-61%	94
Dispositive Motions	5	220%	16	-50%	8
Evidentiary Hearings	0	-	0	-	0
Fee Applications	4	275%	15	-100%	0
Social Security Appeals	32	-41%	19	116%	41
Settlement Conferences	17	6%	18	-39%	11
Pretrial Conferences	1	200%	3	67%	5
Motion Hearings /Arguments	21	5%	22	-18%	18
Other	0	-	0	-	85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>CIVIL CONSENT CASES § 636(c)</b>					
Without Trial	129	-33%	86	-45%	47
Jury Trial	2	0%	2	-100%	0
Bench Trial	4	-25%	3	-67%	1
<b>Total Case Terminations</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>-33%</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>-47%</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CIVIL CONSENT INFORMATION</b>					
Motions	901	-17%	752	-77%	171
Pre-Trial Conferences	92	-17%	76	-80%	15
Other	72	-36%	46	320%	193
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>-57%</b>	<b>379</b>

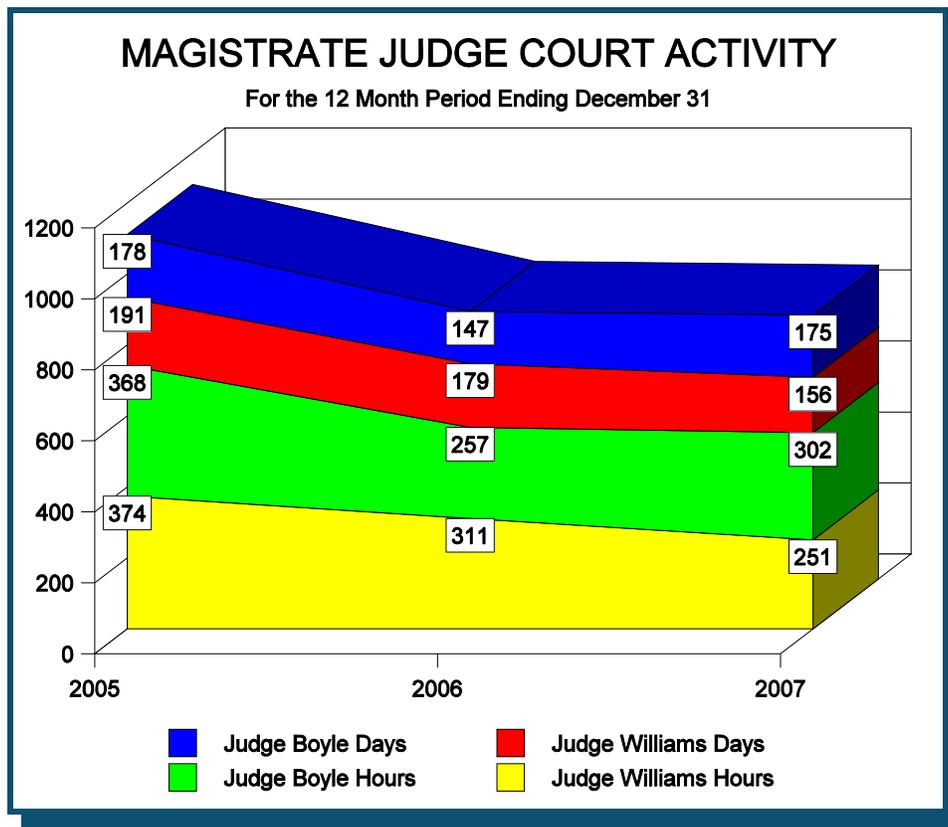
\*some of the 2006 statistical data is an estimates/average based upon prior and subsequent figures.

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

	2005	% Change	2006 *	% Change	2007
<b>PETTY OFFENSES</b>					
Dismissed/Acquitted Without Trial	10	40%	14	-50%	7
With Trial	0	-	1	-100%	0
Convicted Without Trial	54	-61%	21	-76%	5
With Trial	8	-13%	7	-86%	1
<b>TOTAL DISPOSITIONS</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>-40%</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-70%</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>28 U.S.C. § 636(a) DUTIES &amp; MISC</b>					
Search Warrants	96	-3%	93	-44%	52
Summonses	97	-39%	59	-100%	0
Arrest Warrants	48	-6%	45	-76%	11
Initial Appearances	132	14%	150	23%	184
Attorney Appointment Hearings	87	-33%	58	-100%	0
Detention Hearings	158	-25%	119	15%	137
Bail Reviews /Forfeitures	0	-	0	-	0
Preliminary Exams	16	106%	33	-73%	9
Arraignments	268	-40%	162	4%	169
Judgement Debtor Exams	0	-	4	275%	15
Contempt Proceedings	0	-	0	-	0
CJA Fee Applications	243	-30%	169	-45%	93
Grand Jury Sessions	20	-30%	14	50%	21
Naturalization Proceedings	20	-65%	7	-14%	6
Other	24	-8%	22	-100%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>697</b>
<b>§ 636(b) DUTIES (FELONIES)</b>					
Non-Dispositive Motions	153	-10%	137	-48%	71
Dispositive Motions	63	-16%	53	-66%	18
Evidentiary Hearings	0	-	0	-	0
Pretrial Conferences / Omnibus Hearings	148	-39%	91	-100%	0
Mental Competency Hearings	0	-	2	-	0
Probation / Supervised Release Revocation Hearings	7	-43%	4	-75%	1
Writs	80	-21%	63	-35%	41
Motion Hearings / Arguments	2	0%	2	0%	2
Guilty Plea Proceedings	36	36%	49	-6%	46
Other	0	-	0	-	1161

C. **Magistrate Judge Court Activity** During 2007, the amount of Magistrate Judge court hours decreased overall by 3%, while the number of court days rose by 2%. There was a significant increase in Coeur d'Alene days (31%) and a modest rise Boise days (7%). Although approximately 60% of the magistrate court proceedings involve Boise cases, both magistrate judges routinely conduct court proceedings in Pocatello, Moscow, and Coeur d'Alene. Video conferencing is also extensively used by the magistrate judges in an effort to save travel costs and time.

Magistrate Judge Court Activity For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31						
		2005	% Change	2006	% Change	2007
Judge Boyle	Hours	368	-30%	257	18%	302
	Days	178	-17%	147	19%	175
Judge Williams	Hours	374	-17%	311	-19%	251
	Days	191	-6%	179	-13%	156
Total	Hours	742	-23%	568	-3%	553
	Days	369	-12%	326	2%	331



Magistrate Judge Court Activity by Location *						
For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31						
		2005	% Change	2006	% Change	2007
Boise	Hours	442	-20%	353.5	9%	384
	Days	240	-16%	201	7%	215
Pocatello	Hours	227	-38%	141.5	-30%	99
	Days	74	-7%	69	-19%	56
Moscow	Hours	17	53%	26	-62%	10
	Days	12	42%	17	-47%	9
Coeur d'Alene	Hours	57	-18%	47	28%	60
	Days	43	-9%	39	31%	51
Total	Hours	743	-24%	568	-3%	553
	Days	369	-12%	326	2%	331

\* Note - It is the divisional code of the assigned case **not** the physical location of the judge that determines where the time is logged.

