

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

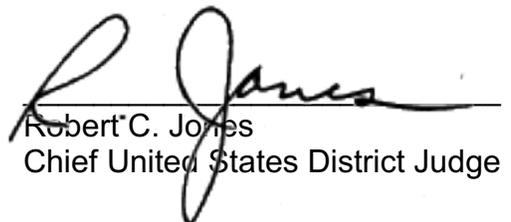
**FIRST AMENDED  
GENERAL ORDER NO. 2011-03**

**PATENT PILOT PROGRAM**

The judges of the Court have elected to participate in the Patent Pilot Program ("the Program") established pursuant to Pub L. No. 111-349, 124 Stat. 3674; therefore, the Court's participation is subject to the promulgated procedures of the Program and the following:

- 1) A judge of this Court wishing to volunteer to participate in the Program shall do so by notifying the chief judge. Chief Judge Robert C. Jones, Judge Philip M. Pro, Judge Gloria M. Navarro and Judge Miranda M. Du are the designated program judges for the District of Nevada. If necessary to retain the minimum number of judges required to continue participating in the Program, the chief judge has the authority to replace designated program judges and/or add other volunteering judges.
- 2) The Program will begin on Monday, September 19, 2011 and continue for ten years.
- 3) Any judge who is not a designated program judge may decline the assignment of a newly filed patent or plant variety protection case and must transfer it, within thirty (30) days of the filing of the case, for random reassignment by the Clerk of Court to one of the designated program judges. Otherwise, that case will remain on the non-designated judge's docket and, if necessary, may be transferred to another non-designated judge's docket but may not later be transferred to a designated program judge. A case that is a re-filing of a previously dismissed case in this district that was not originally assigned to a designated program judge is not eligible for transfer to a program judge.
- 4) The Clerk of Court shall establish a separate random program assignment procedure for use in the reassignment of cases transferred to the designated program judges. If necessary, the chief judge has the authority to implement a process for caseload equalization between the designated program judges and the non-designated judges.

Approved this 24th day of August, 2012.

  
Robert C. Jones  
Chief United States District Judge