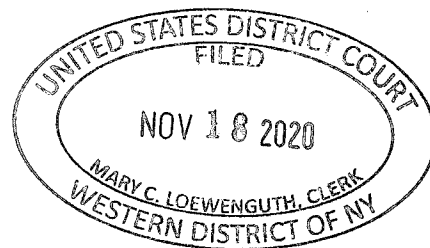


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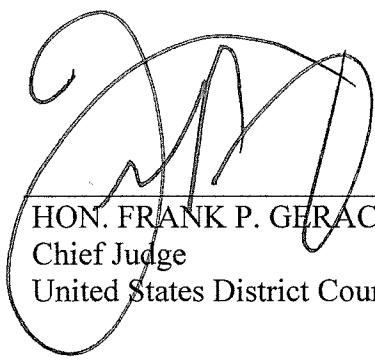
IN RE: THE IDENTIFICATION OF NON-
GOVERNMENT PARTIES IN
SOCIAL SECURITY OPINIONS

STANDING ORDER

Effective immediately, in opinions issued in cases filed pursuant to Section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), in the United States District Court for the Western District of New York, any non-government party will be identified and referenced solely by first name and last initial. The Committee on Court Administration and Case Management of the Judicial Conference of the United States, after consultation with pertinent stakeholders, has recommended that federal courts adopt this practice. This proactive measure will both protect the legitimate privacy interests of social security litigants and ensure that the public maintains access to the opinions. This change will only apply to the opinions issued in Social Security cases, and will not apply to the PACER docket, which will continue to display the non-government party's full name. Cases filed on behalf of a minor will continue to refer to the minor by first and last initial.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November , 2020
Rochester, NY



HON. FRANK P. GERACI, JR.
Chief Judge
United States District Court