

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
14-JP-1-KS

IN RE: )  
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FILING OF TEXT-SEARCHABLE ) **JUDICIAL PREFERENCE ORDER**  
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS IN )  
SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS )

The undersigned finds that judicial economy and efficiency would be substantially enhanced in Social Security appeals before her by having available in the court’s docket a text-searchable<sup>1</sup> copy of the certified transcript of the record of administrative proceedings (“administrative record”).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. The Commissioner (or Acting Commissioner) of Social Security shall file a text-searchable copy of the administrative record in every Social Security appeal, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) or § 1383(c)(3), that is reassigned to the undersigned for entry of judgment with the consent of the parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) (“reassigned appeals”) or in which one or more motions for judgment on the pleadings, motions for summary judgment, motions for remand, or other potentially dispositive motions are referred to the undersigned by the presiding district judge for a memorandum and recommendation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) (“referred appeals”). To the extent practicable, the text-searchable copy of the transcript shall be filed in a single docket entry.

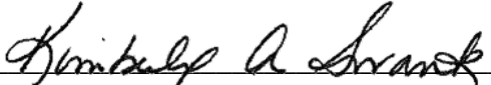
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<sup>1</sup>For the purposes of this order, the term “text-searchable” does not apply to portions of documents that are handwritten and are unable to be converted to searchable text via an optical character recognition (*i.e.*, “OCR”) program.

2. In appeals pending before the undersigned on the date of this Order, whether by reassignment of the appeal or by referral of one or more potentially dispositive motions, the Commissioner shall file the text-searchable copy of the transcript within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this order. In such appeals, the clerk shall docket and serve a text-only notice on the parties in each appeal within three (3) days after the date of this order.

3. In appeals coming before the undersigned after the date of this order, the text-searchable copy of the transcript shall be filed by whichever one of the following deadlines applies: (i) in reassigned appeals, within fourteen (14) days after the entry of the order of reassignment or seventy-five days after the date the appeal is filed, whichever is later; or (ii) in referred appeals, within fourteen (14) days after entry of the initial order or clerk's docket entry referring the matter to the undersigned. In appeals subject to this paragraph, the clerk shall docket and serve a text-only notice on the parties on either (i) the date of entry of the order reassigning the appeal; or (ii) the date of entry of the initial order or clerk's docket entry referring the matter to the undersigned, whichever is applicable.

SO ORDERED, this 7th day of May 2014.

  
KIMBERLY A. SWANK  
United States Magistrate Judge