

Rule 1.02 | AUTHORITY OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES

(a) AUTHORITY. A United States magistrate judge in the Middle District can exercise the maximum authority and perform any duty permitted by the Constitution and other laws of the United States.

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER. The chief judge must issue and publicize with the local rules an administrative order that delineates the authority and describes the duties of a United States magistrate judge. The chief judge can amend the administrative order as needed.