

Rule 2. Magistrate Judges and Filing of Legal Papers

(a) Magistrate Judges. Magistrate judges may hear in the first instance all matters which come before the Court involving mental retardation proceedings. Magistrate judges may designate attorneys who are eligible to represent mentally retarded or allegedly mentally retarded persons who come before the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Branch, and approve submitted Criminal Justice Act vouchers. With the exception of jury trials held pursuant to D.C. Code § 7-1301.02 et seq. (2003 Supp.), magistrate judges may preside over all hearings held pursuant to D.C. Code § 7-1301.02 et seq. (2003 Supp.).

(b) Filings papers. All pleadings, motions, and other papers involving mental retardation proceedings shall be filed with the Family Court Central Intake Center.

(c) Provision of papers by the Court. The Court may send or provide a paper as stated in these rules by: delivering the paper; mailing it; or transmitting it by facsimile or other electronic means.