

28 USC § 636. Jurisdiction, powers, and temporary assignment

(a) Each United States magistrate judge serving under this chapter shall have within the district in which sessions are held by the court that appointed the magistrate judge, at other places where that court may function, and elsewhere as authorized by law--

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(3) the power to conduct trials under section 3401, title 18, United States Code, in conformity with and subject to the limitations of that section;

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