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To: Rantanen, Jason

Professor Rantanen,

The term just refers to types of proceedings where we are not dealing with a standard appeal or a petition from another tribunal, such as an original proceeding such as mandamus petitions or attorney disciplinary proceedings, and administrative or standing orders of the court. We note these cases with three digits as opposed to the usual four.

I will add that this is nothing unique to our court; it's routine practice in the other circuits and district courts have even more items that are placed on their miscellaneous dockets. Our national report from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts lists these out (not the disciplinary or administrative) in the Petition for Writs category at https://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/data_tables/jb_b8_0930.2020.pdf; the national report for all of the regional circuits list them similarly (e.g., https://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/data_tables/jb_b1_0930.2020.pdf)

I hope this clarifies things for you.

Sincerely,

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