

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Entered January 3, 1990

Order No. 90- 1

DIVISION OF WORK ORDER FOR  
CALENDAR YEAR 1990

Under 28 U.S.C. § 137 effective January 1, 1990, the judges are assigned these matters:

ITEM ONE:            Chief Judge James DeAnda

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. 7.48% of all criminal cases filed in the Houston and Galveston Divisions.
3. 7.48% of all civil cases filed in the Houston Division.
4. All matters and proceedings pertaining to wages, effects, etc., of deceased or missing seamen.
5. Liaison judge for the clerk and for the staff law clerk/prisoner docket.
6. Naturalization hearings at the Houston Division (subject to reassignment).
7. 66% of all civil cases filed at the Galveston Division.
8. Ex officio member of all liaison functions.

ITEM TWO:            Judge Norman W. Black

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. 15.42% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston and Galveston Divisions.
3. 15.42% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
4. Liaison judge for probation, pretrial services, portraits, and attorney admissions, including conducting the workshops in Houston and working with the judges in other divisions with their workshops in those divisions.
5. Miscellaneous docket for May and November 1990 at the Houston Division (one month to be transferred to the next appointed judge).

ITEM THREE:        Judge George P. Kazen

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. All cases filed at the Laredo Division (excluding asbestos cases

which will be assigned to Judge Hughes).

3. Liaison judge for the Laredo Division.

ITEM FOUR: Judge Filemon B. Vela

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. All cases filed at the Brownsville Division (excluding asbestos cases which will be assigned to Judge Hughes).
3. Liaison judge for the Brownsville Division.

ITEM FIVE: Judge Hayden W. Head, Jr.

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. All cases filed at the Corpus Christi Division.
3. Liaison judge for the Corpus Christi Division.
4. All criminal cases at the Victoria Division.

ITEM SIX: Judge Ricardo H. Hinojosa

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. All cases filed at the McAllen Division (excluding asbestos cases which will be assigned to Judge Hughes).
3. Liaison judge for the McAllen Division.

ITEM SEVEN: Judge Lynn N. Hughes

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. 15.42% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston and Galveston Divisions.
3. 15.42% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
4. All asbestos cases in the district, except those in the Corpus Christi Division.
5. Chairman of the committee preparing the history of the Southern District of Texas.
6. Liaison judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court.
7. Miscellaneous docket for March and September 1990 at the Houston Division (one to be transferred to the next appointed judge).

ITEM EIGHT: Judge David Hittner

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. 15.42% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston and Galveston Divisions.
3. 15.42% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.

4. Liaison judge for the central library, the court reporters, and the U. S. Marshal.
5. Miscellaneous docket for April and October 1990 at the Houston Division.

ITEM NINE:        Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. 15.42% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston and Galveston Divisions.
3. 15.42% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
4. Liaison judge for the public defender and the U. S. Attorney. Chairman for the CJA Panel Selection Committee and Liaison judge for the Houston Division plan for the panel of private attorneys under the Criminal Justice Act.
5. Miscellaneous docket for January and June 1990 at the Houston Division.

ITEM TEN:        Judge Sim Lake

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. 15.42% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston and Galveston Divisions.
3. 15.42% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
4. Liaison judge for the magistrates.
5. Miscellaneous docket for February and July 1990 at the Houston Division.

ITEM ELEVEN:        Judge Melinda F. Harmon

1. Retention of all cases presently on her docket.
2. 15.42% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston and Galveston Divisions.
3. 15.42% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
4. Liaison judge for local rules and jury.
5. Miscellaneous docket for August and December 1990 at the Houston Division.

ITEM TWELVE:        Judge John V. Singleton (Senior)

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket and those cases accepted from other members of the court.
2. All civil cases and proceedings at the Victoria Division.
3. Liaison judge for the Victoria Division.
4. Chairman of the Houston Division of the Federal Court Advisory Council.

ITEM THIRTEEN: Judge Woodrow Seals (Senior)

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket and those cases accepted from other members of the court.
2. Government collection cases filed at the Houston Division.
3. Attorney disciplinary proceedings at the Houston Division.

ITEM FOURTEEN: Judge Hugh Gibson (Senior)

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket and those cases accepted from other members of the court.
2. 34% of all civil cases filed in the Galveston Division. Should any prisoner civil rights or habeas corpus cases be drawn by Judge Gibson, those cases will be reassigned to Judge DeAnda and a case of equal import will be transferred to Judge Gibson from Judge DeAnda's Galveston docket.
3. Liaison judge for the Galveston Division.

ITEM FIFTEEN: Miscellaneous Docket in Houston

1. Applications for restraining orders, preliminary or temporary injunctions, and similar emergency matters are to be handled by the judge to whom the matter is assigned on its being filed. If that judge is not available and if the emergency requires prompt action, the matter will be referred to the judge with the miscellaneous docket.
2. The miscellaneous docket in the Houston Division consists of those matters that may arise prior to a civil action, an indictment, criminal information, or other proceeding being filed and assigned to a judge. The judge with the miscellaneous docket will receive motions, grant immunity to a witness, rule on in forma pauperis applications in matters not previously assigned to a judge, etc.
3. The judge handling the miscellaneous docket shall summon and empanel all grand and petit juries at the Houston Division. The judge will summon and have available for the use of the other judges at the Houston Division a petit jury weekly during the calendar year of 1990.
4. The monthly assignment of miscellaneous docket duties does not prevent judges from exchanging assignments by consent by notifying the clerk and the chief judge of the exchange.

ITEM SIXTEEN: General

1. In cases in which a judge is disqualified or in which he recuses himself, on the entry of a recusal order, the clerk shall select at random another judge to hear the matter.
2. None of these arrangements deprives any judge of this district of jurisdiction of any case or matter or proceeding, but it is made to expedite the disposition of cases, and a judge may handle other matters for any other judge by consent.
3. The liaison judges will handle day-to-day matters. Matters involving court policies will first be discussed with the chief judge. If it

