# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Re: 2016 WORK ORDER

§ GENERAL ORDER 2016-1

United States District Court Southern District of Texas ENTERED

2016-1 WORK ORDER (Effective March 3, 2016) MAR 0 3 2016

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk Court Rodes

Under 28 U.S.C. § 154, the bankruptcy judges are assigned these matters. This order is the first in a series of three orders to effectuate the reallocation of bankruptcy cases and related matters within the Southern District of Texas.

# 1. Judge Letitia Z. Paul.

- a. Retention of all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings presently on Judge Paul's docket.
- b. 13.2% of new Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- c. 17.4% of new Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- d. 20.0% of new Chapter 15 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- e. 100.0% of new bankruptcy cases filed in the Galveston Division.
- f. 100.0% of new adversary proceedings arising in, under or related to bankruptcy cases assigned to Judge Paul.
- g. 20.0% of new adversary proceedings filed in the Houston Division that do not arise in, under or relate to any case pending in the Houston Division.

# 2. Judge Karen K. Brown.

- a. Retention of all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings presently on Judge Brown's docket.
- b. 21.7% of new Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- c. 35.0% of new Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division, except Chapter 11 cases assigned by virtue of the Complex Chapter 11 Case procedure.
- d. 21.7% of new Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- e. 20.0% of new Chapter 15 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- f. 100.0% of new adversary proceedings arising in, under or related to bankruptcy cases assigned to Judge Brown.

g. 20.0% of new adversary proceedings filed in the Houston Division that do not arise in, under or relate to any case pending in the Houston Division.

#### 3. Judge Marvin Isgur.

- a. Retention of all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings presently on Judge Isgur's docket.
- b. 21.7% of new Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- c. 15.0% of new Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division, except Chapter 11 cases assigned by virtue of the Complex Chapter 11 Case procedure.
- d. 50.0% of new Complex Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- e. 21.7% of new Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- f. 20.0% of new Chapter 15 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- g. 100.0% of new Chapter 12 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- h. Recusals in the McAllen Division.
- i. Recusals in the Brownsville Division.
- j. 100% of new Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases filed in the Corpus Christi Division.
- k. 50.0% of new Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Corpus Christi Division.
- 1. 100.0% of new adversary proceedings arising in, under or related to bankruptcy cases assigned to Judge Isgur.
- m. 20.0% of new adversary proceedings filed in the Houston Division that do not arise in, under or relate to any case pending in the Houston Division.
- n. 50.0% of new adversary proceedings filed in the Corpus Christi Division that do not arise in, under or relate to any case pending in the Corpus Christi Division.

# 4. Judge Jeff Bohm.

- a. Retention of all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings presently on Judge Bohm's docket.
- b. 21.7% of new Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- c. 35.0% of new Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division, except Chapter 11 cases assigned by virtue of the Complex Chapter 11 Case procedure.

- d. 21.7% of new Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- e. 20.0% of new Chapter 15 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- f. 100.0% of new adversary proceedings arising in, under or related to bankruptcy cases assigned to Judge Bohm.
- g. 20.0% of new adversary proceedings filed in the Houston Division that do not arise in, under or relate to any case pending in the Houston Division.

#### 5. Chief Judge David Jones.

- a. Retention of all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings presently on Judge Jones's docket.
- b. 21.7% of new Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- c. 15.0% of new Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division, except Chapter 11 cases assigned by virtue of the Complex Chapter 11 Case procedure.
- d. 50.0% of new Complex Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- e. 17.5% of new Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- f. 20.0% of new Chapter 15 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- g. 100.0% of new bankruptcy cases filed in the Laredo and Victoria Divisions.
- h. 100.0% of new Chapter 7, 9, 12 and 15 bankruptcy cases filed in the Corpus Christi Division.
- i. 50.0% of new Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Corpus Christi Division.
- j. 100.0% of new adversary proceedings arising in, under or related to bankruptcy cases assigned to Judge Jones.
- k. 20.0% of new adversary proceedings filed in the Houston Division that do not arise in, under or relate to any case pending in the Houston Division.
- 1. 50.0% of new adversary proceedings filed in the Corpus Christi Division that do not arise in, under or relate to any case pending in the Corpus Christi Division.
- m. All statutory duties of chief judge for the district.

## 6. Judge Eduardo Rodriguez.

- a. Retention of all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings presently on Judge Rodriguez's docket.
- b. 100.0% of new bankruptcy cases filed in the Brownsville Division.
- c. 100.0% of new bankruptcy cases filed in the McAllen Division.
- d. 100.0% of new adversary proceedings arising in, under or related to bankruptcy cases assigned to Judge Rodriguez.
- e. 100.0% of new adversary proceedings filed in the Brownsville and McAllen Divisions that do not arise in, under or relate to any case pending in the Brownsville or McAllen Divisions.
- f. Recusals in the Victoria Division.

## 7. All Judges

- a. On motion of a party in interest or acting *sua sponte*, a judge may transfer a case, an adversary proceeding, or a contested matter to another judge in this district. Except as provided in the specific work assignments above, any recusals will be randomly assigned to another judge within the division, or if the division is a single-judge division, to another judge within the district. When a judge recuses from hearing a Chapter 13 Houston case, the Clerk will confine the random reassignment process to the remaining judges to whom the case trustee is assigned.
- b. Applications for temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, and similar emergency matters will be considered by the judge to whom the bankruptcy case is assigned. If that judge is not available and the emergency requires prompt action, the matter may be considered by any available bankruptcy judge.
- c. These arrangements do not deprive a bankruptcy judge of jurisdiction over any case, proceeding, or matter, but they are made to expedite the disposition of cases. A bankruptcy judge may try cases and handle other matters for another bankruptcy judge by agreement of the respective judges.

March 3, 2016.

CHIEF BANKRUPTC JUDGE