# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Entered October 6, 1992

**ORDER NO.** 92-31

# FOURTH AMENDED DIVISION OF WORK ORDER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1992

Adjustments to the Work Distribution Order of August 25, 1992 are necessary due to the resignation of Judge James DeAnda.

Under 28 U.S.C.  $\S$  137, effective October 6, 1992, the judges are assigned these matters:

### <u>ITEM ONE:</u> <u>Chief Judge Norman W. Black</u>

- 1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- 2. 5.92% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 3. 5.92% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 4. Government collection cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 5. Liaison judge for portraits, attorney admissions, clerk's office and staff attorneys.

#### ITEM TWO: Judge George P. Kazen

- 1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- 2. All cases filed at the Laredo Division (excluding asbestos cases).
- 3. Liaison judge for the Laredo Division.

## ITEM THREE: Judge Filemon B. Vela

- 1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- All cases filed at the Brownsville Division (excluding asbestos cases).
- 3. Liaison judge for the Brownsville Division.

#### ITEM FOUR: 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 filed at the Victoria Division.

#### ITEM FIVE: Judge Ricardo H. Hinojosa

- 1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- 2. All cases filed at the McAllen Division.

3. Liaison judge for the McAllen Division.

#### ITEM SIX: Judge Lynn N. Hughes

- 1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- 2. 11.76% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 3. 11.76% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 4. All asbestos cases in the district (except in the Corpus Christi and McAllen Divisions) returned by the MDL Court.
- 5. Chairman of the committee preparing the history of the Southern District of Texas.
- 6. Liaison judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court.

# ITEM SEVEN: Judge David Hittner

- 1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- 2. 11.76% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 3. 11.76% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 4. Liaison judge for the central library, the court reporters, and the U. S. Marshal.

#### ITEM EIGHT: Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt

- 1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- 2. 11.76% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 3. 11.76% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 4. Liaison judge for the Public Defender. Chairman of the CJA Panel Selection Committee and Liaison judge for the Houston Division plan for the panel of private attorneys under the Criminal Justice Act.

## ITEM NINE: Judge Sim Lake

- 1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- 2. 11.76% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 3. 11.76% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 4. Liaison judge for the magistrate judges and for the establishment of an Alternative Dispute Resolution Program for the Houston Division only.

# ITEM TEN: Judge Melinda Harmon

- 1. Retention of all cases presently on her docket.
- 2. 11.76% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 3. 11.76% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.

- 4. Liaison judge for local rules and jury issues.
- 5. Miscellaneous docket for October, 1992 at the Houston Division.

#### ITEM ELEVEN: Judge John D. Rainey

- 1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- 2. 11.76% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 3. 11.76% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
- All civil cases filed at the Victoria Division (excluding asbestos cases).
- 5. Liaison Judge for the Victoria Division.
- 6. Liaison Judge for Probation.
- 7. Miscellaneous docket for January, 1993 at the Houston Division.

#### ITEM TWELVE: Judge Samuel B. Kent

- 1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- 100% of all civil cases filed at the Galveston Division (excluding asbestos cases).
- 3. 100% of all criminal cases filed at the Galveston Division.
- 4. Liaison Judge for the Galveston Division.

## <u>ITEM THIRTEEN:</u> <u>Judge Ewing Werlein, Jr.</u>

- 1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- 2. 11.76% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 3. 11.76% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 4. Liaison Judge for Pretrial Services and the U. S. Attorney.
- 5. Miscellaneous docket for November, 1992 at the Houston Division.

# <u>Judge Lee H. Rosenthal</u>

- 1. Retention of all cases presently on her docket.
- 2. 11.76% of all criminal cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 3. 11.76% of all civil cases filed at the Houston Division.
- 4. Liaison Judge for attorney disciplinary proceedings at the Houston Division.
- 5. Miscellaneous docket for December, 1992 at the Houston Division.

## ITEM FIFTEEN: Judge Hugh Gibson (Senior)

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket and those cases

accepted from other members of the court.

2. All civil cases filed in the Galveston Division in which Judge Kent is disqualified or has chosen to recuse himself.

#### ITEM SIXTEEN: 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.
- 4. Naturalization ceremonies during the miscellaneous month.
- 5. 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 SEVENTEEN: 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-today matters. Matters involving court policies will first be discussed with the chief judge. If it is a policy that must be resolved immediately, the chief judge and the liaison judge jointly will make the decision. If it is a policy matter that can await the meeting of the entire court, it will be decided at the first meeting.
- 4. The attorney admissions fund will be administered as provided in the plan.
- 5. The chief judge will select the time and place of meetings of the court, three of which will be held annually. Special meetings of the court will be called by the chief judge as necessary. The judges in Houston will meet Tuesdays at noon and on call of the chief judge.

# <u>Judges</u> <u>Magistrate Judges</u>

Kenneth M. Hoyt Calvin Botley

Norman W. Black Lee H. Rosenthal Mary Milloy

Lynn N. Hughes
David Hittner
Marcia A. Crone

Sim Lake John D. Rainey Nancy K. Pecht

Melinda Harmon

Samuel B. Kent

Ewing Werlein, Jr. Frances H. Stacy

Hugh Gibson John R. Froeschner

Hayden W. Head, Jr. Eduardo E. de Ases

Filemon B. Vela Fidencio Garza, Jr. John William Black

Ricardo H. Hinojosa William Mallet Peter S. Ormsby

George P. Kazen Marcel C. Notzon

DONE at Houston, Texas this 6th day of October, 1992.

\s\

NORMAN W. BLACK CHIEF JUDGE

United States District Court