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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court  
By Deputy Clerk Monica Debra

Re: 2018 Work Order

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§ GENERAL ORDER 2018-5  
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**2018-5 WORK ORDER**  
**(Effective April 2, 2018)**

Under 28 U.S.C. § 154, the bankruptcy judges are assigned these matters. This order recognizes the announced retirement of Judge Karen K. Brown effective April 1, 2018 and the appointment of Judge Jeffrey P. Norman effective April 2, 2018. Except as set forth below, each judge will retain all cases currently on such judge's docket. All new case assignments shall be made randomly by the clerk in accordance with the percentage allocations shown in this order for each division.

The assignment of complex chapter 11 cases is governed by General Order 2018-1.

**1. Brownsville Division.**

	<b>Judge Rodriguez</b>
<b>Chapter 7 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 11 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 12 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 13 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 15 cases</b>	100%

**2. Corpus Christi Division.**

	<b>Chief Judge Jones</b>	<b>Judge Isgur</b>
<b>Chapter 7 cases</b>	100%	0%
<b>Chapter 11 cases</b>	100%	0%
<b>Chapter 12 cases</b>	100%	0%
<b>Chapter 13 cases</b>	0%	100%
<b>Chapter 15 cases</b>	100%	0%

3. **Galveston Division.**

	<b>Judge Isgur</b>
<b>Chapter 7 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 11 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 12 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 13 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 15 cases</b>	100%

4. **Houston Division.**

All existing chapter 13 cases and related adversary proceedings previously assigned to Judge Brown will be assigned to Judge Norman.

All other cases previously assigned to Judge Brown will be assigned to Judge Rodriguez.

The assignment percentages for new cases will be made as follows:

	<b>Chief Judge Jones</b>	<b>Judge Bohm</b>	<b>Judge Isgur</b>	<b>Judge Norman</b>	<b>Judge Rodriguez</b>
<b>Chapter 7 cases</b>	15%	35%	20%	0%	30%
<b>Chapter 11 cases</b>	15%	35%	15%	0%	35%
<b>Chapter 12 cases</b>	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
<b>Chapter 13 cases (Trustee Heitkamp)</b>	45%	0%	0%	55%	0%
<b>Chapter 13 cases (Trustee Peake)</b>	13%	56%	31%	0%	0%
<b>Chapter 15 cases</b>	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%

5. **Laredo Division.**

Judge Rodriguez will retain all chapter 13 cases currently on his docket. All other cases, including adversary proceedings, will be assigned to Chief Judge Jones. The assignment of new cases will be made as follows:

	<b>Chief Judge Jones</b>	<b>Judge Rodriguez</b>
<b>Chapter 7 cases</b>	100%	0%
<b>Chapter 11 cases</b>	100%	0%
<b>Chapter 12 cases</b>	100%	0%
<b>Chapter 13 cases</b>	0%	100%
<b>Chapter 15 cases</b>	100%	0%
<b>Adversary Proceedings</b>	100%	0%

**6. McAllen Division.**

	<b>Judge Rodriguez</b>
<b>Chapter 7 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 11 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 12 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 13 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 15 cases</b>	100%

**7. Victoria Division.**

	<b>Chief Judge Jones</b>
<b>Chapter 7 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 11 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 12 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 13 cases</b>	100%
<b>Chapter 15 cases</b>	100%

**8. Adversary Proceedings.**

- A. Unless otherwise specified above, adversary proceedings that are related to a main case will be assigned to the Bankruptcy Judge to whom the main case is assigned.
- B. All adversary proceedings that are not related to a main case will be randomly assigned amongst the Bankruptcy Judges in the same proportions as set forth in the relevant division for the assignment of chapter 7 bankruptcy cases.

**9. Recusals.**

- A. If a judge assigned a complex chapter 11 cases recuses, the case will be reassigned to the other judge to whom complex cases are assigned.
- B. In all other recusals, the case will be reassigned in accordance with this table:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Recusal Judge</b>
Brownsville	Judge Isgur
Corpus Christi (Isgur)	Chief Judge Jones
Corpus Christi (Jones)	Judge Isgur
Galveston	Judge Bohm
Houston Chapter 13 Cases (Bohm)	Judge Isgur
Houston Chapter 13 Cases (Jones)	Judge Norman
Houston Chapter 13 Cases (Isgur)	Judge Bohm

Houston Chapter 13 Cases (Norman)	Chief Judge Jones
Houston (all other cases)	Randomly across all judges
Laredo (Jones)	Judge Rodriguez
Laredo (Rodriguez)	Judge Jones
McAllen	Judge Isgur
Victoria	Judge Norman

C. If a judge that receives a case under this paragraph is also required to recuse, the assignment will be made by the chief judge after consultation with the judges that are not recused.

**10. Transfers of Cases within the District.**

A judge may transfer a case, an adversary proceeding, or a contested matter to any other judge within the District.

**11. Miscellaneous Emergency Matters.**

Applications for temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions or other emergency matter will be considered by the judge to whom the case is assigned. If the judge to whom the case is assigned is not available and the matter requires emergency attention, the matter may be considered by any other judge within the District.

**12. Authority.**

This order does not deprive a bankruptcy judge of jurisdiction or authority over any case, proceeding or matter. A bankruptcy judge may try cases and handle other matters for another bankruptcy judge by agreement of the respective judges.

March 22, 2018.

  
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**DAVID R. JONES**  
**CHIEF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**