

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Entered December 30, 1996

ORDER NO. 93-20

DIVISION OF WORK ORDER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1994

Under 28 U.S.C. § 137, effective January 1, 1994 the judges are assigned these matters:

ITEM ONE:

Judge Norman W. Black

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 to the clerk's office and staff attorneys.
6. Miscellaneous judge for January, 1994 and October, 1994 at the Houston Division.

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 which will be assigned to Judge Hughes).
3. Liaison judge for the Laredo Division.

ITEM THREE:

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 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.
5. Chairman of the committee preparing the history of the Southern District of Texas.
6. Liaison judge to the United States Bankruptcy Court.
7. Miscellaneous docket for February, 1994 and November 1994 at the Houston Division.

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 to the central library, the court reporters, and the U. S. Marshal.
5. Miscellaneous docket for March, 1994 and December, 1994 at the Houston Division.

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 to the Public Defender's Office. 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.
5. Miscellaneous docket for April, 1994 at the Houston Division.

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 to the magistrate judges and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program for the Houston Division only.
5. Miscellaneous docket for May, 1994 at the Houston Division.

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 utilization.
5. Miscellaneous docket for June, 1994 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.
4. All civil cases filed at the Victoria Division (excluding asbestos cases which will be assigned to Judge Hughes).
5. Liaison Judge for the Victoria Division.
6. Liaison Judge to probation.
7. Miscellaneous docket for July, 1994 at the Houston Division.

ITEM TWELVE: Judge Samuel B. Kent

1. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
2. 100% of all civil cases filed at the Galveston Division (excluding asbestos cases which will be assigned to Judge Hughes).
3. 100% of all criminal cases filed at the Galveston Division.
4. Liaison Judge for the Galveston Division.

ITEM THIRTEEN: Judge Ewing Werlein, Jr.

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 to Pretrial Services and the U. S. Attorney.
5. Miscellaneous docket for August, 1994 at the Houston Division.

ITEM FOURTEEN: Judge Lee H. Rosenthal

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 September, 1994 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, including Naturalization Ceremonies. The judge with the miscellaneous docket receives motions, grants immunity to a witness, rules 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. The miscellaneous docket duties may be exchanged by consent, with notice to the clerk and the chief judge.

ITEM SEVENTEEN: General

1. In cases in which a judge is disqualified or stands recused, the clerk shall at random assign the matter to another judge.
2. None of these arrangements deprives a judge of this district of jurisdiction of any matter, but it is made to expedite the disposition of cases. A judge may handle other matters for any other judge by consent.
3. Matters affecting a liaison assignment should be brought first to the attention of the liaison judge who may handle routine administrative matters. Any emergency questions involving court policies will be discussed with the chief judge, and may be resolved by the liaison judge and chief judge. All such emergency matters shall be reported to the full court in time for discussion at the next full court 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.

ITEM EIGHTEEN: Assignment of Magistrate Judges to District Judges

Judges

Norman W. Black
Lee Rosenthal

Lynn N. Hughes
David Hittner

Kenneth M. Hoyt

Melinda Harmon
Ewing Werlein, Jr.

Sim Lake
John D. Rainey

Samuel B. Kent
Hugh Gibson

Hayden W. Head, Jr.

Filemon B. Vela

Ricardo H. Hinojosa

George P. Kazen

Magistrate Judges

Mary Milloy

Marcia A. Crone

Calvin Botley

Frances H. Stacy

Nancy K. Pecht

John R. Froeschner

Eduardo E. de Ases

Fidencio Garza, Jr.
John W. Black

William Mallet
Peter E. Ormsby

Marcel C. Notzon

Done at Houston, Texas this 30th day of December, 1993.

\Signed\
NORMAN W. BLACK
CHIEF JUDGE
United States District Court