

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
DIVISION OF WORK FOR THE
CALENDAR YEAR 1996

Entered January 2, 1996

GENERAL ORDER NO. H-1996-1

ORDER

Under 28 U.S.C. S 137, effective January 1, 1996, the judges are assigned these matters:

1. Chief Judge Norman W. Black

- A. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- B. 5.26% of all criminal cases filed in the Houston Division.
- C. 4.9% of all civil cases filed in the Houston Division.
- D. Government collection cases filed in the Houston Division.
- E. Liaison judge to the clerk's office and probation.
- F. Miscellaneous docket for June 1996 in the Houston Division.

2. Judge George P. Kazen

- A. Retention of all cases presently on his docket except the criminal docket assigned to Judge Rainey.
- B. All cases filed in the Laredo Division except the criminal docket assigned to Judge Rainey.
- C. Liaison judge for the Laredo Division.

3. Judge Filemon B. Vela

- A. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- B. All cases filed in the Brownsville Division.
- C. Liaison judge for the Brownsville Division.

4. Judge Hayden W. Head, Jr.

- A. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- B. 50% of all criminal cases filed in the Corpus Christi Division.
- C. 50% of all civil cases filed in the Corpus Christi Division.
- D. Liaison judge for the Corpus Christi Division.

5. Judge Ricardo H. Hinojosa

- A. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- B. All cases filed in the McAllen Division.
- C. Liaison judge for the McAllen Division.
- D. Liaison judge for the district interpreters.

6. Judge Lynn N. Hughes

- A. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- B. 10.53% of all criminal cases filed in the Houston Division.
- C. 9.8% of all civil cases filed in the Houston Division.
- D. All asbestos cases in the district, except in the Corpus Christi and McAllen Divisions.
- E. Chairman of the committee preparing the history of the Southern District of Texas.
- F. Liaison judge to the United States Bankruptcy Court.
- G. Miscellaneous docket for July 1996 in the Houston Division.

7. Judge David Hittner

- A. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- B. 10.53% of all criminal cases filed in the Houston Division.
- C. 9.8% of all civil cases filed in the Houston Division.
- D. Liaison judge to the central library, the court reporters, and the U. S. Marshal.
- E. Miscellaneous docket for August 1996 in the Houston Division.

8. Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt

- A. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- B. 10.53% of all criminal cases filed in the Houston Division.
- C. 9.8% of all civil cases filed in the Houston Division.
- D. 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.
- E. Miscellaneous docket for September 1996 at the Houston Division.

9. Judge Sim Lake

- A. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.

- B. 10.53% of all criminal cases filed in the Houston Division.
- C. 9.8% of all civil cases filed in the Houston Division.
- D. Liaison judge to the magistrate judges in the Houston Division.
- E. Miscellaneous docket for October 1996 in the Houston Division.

10. Judge Melinda Harmon

- A. Retention of all cases presently on her docket.
- B. 10.53% of all criminal cases filed in the Houston Division.
- C. 9.8% of all civil cases filed in the Houston Division.
- D. Liaison judge for local rules and jury utilization.
- E. Miscellaneous docket for January 1996 and November 1996 in the Houston Division.

11. Judge John D. Rainey

- A. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- B. 6.9% of all civil cases filed in the Houston Division.
- C. Workload equivalent of approximately 25% of criminal cases filed in Laredo.
- D. All civil and criminal cases filed in the Victoria Division.
- E. Liaison judge for the Victoria Division.

12. Judge Samuel B. Kent

- A. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- B. All civil cases filed in the Galveston Division.
- C. All criminal cases filed in the Galveston Division.
- D. Liaison judge for the Galveston Division.

13. Judge Ewing Werlein, Jr.

- A. Retention of all cases presently on his docket.
- B. 10.53% of all criminal cases filed in the Houston Division.
- C. 9.8% of all civil cases filed in the Houston Division.
- D. Liaison judge to Pretrial Services and the U. S. Attorney.
- E. Miscellaneous docket for February 1996 and December 1996 in the Houston Division.

14. Judge Lee H. Rosenthal

- A. Retention of all cases presently on her docket.

- B. 10.53% of all criminal cases filed in the Houston Division.
- C. 9.8% of all civil cases filed in the Houston Division.
- D. Liaison judge for attorney disciplinary proceedings in the Houston Division.
- E. Liaison judge to the staff attorneys.
- F. Miscellaneous docket for March 1996 in the Houston Division.

15. Judge Janis Jack

- A. Retention of all cases presently on her docket.
- B. 50% of all criminal cases filed in the Corpus Christi Division.
- C. 50% of all civil cases filed in the Corpus Christi Division.

16. Judge Vanessa D. Gilmore

- A. Retention of all cases presently on her docket.
- B. 10.53% of all criminal cases filed in the Houston Division.
- C. 9.8% of all civil cases filed in the Houston Division.
- 4. Miscellaneous docket for April 1996 in the Houston Division.

17. Judge Nancy F. Atlas

- A. Retention of all cases presently on her docket.
- B. 10.53% of all civil cases filed in the Houston Division
- C. 9.8% of all civil cases filed in the Houston Division.
- D. Liaison judge to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs.
- E. Miscellaneous docket for May 1996 in the Houston Division.

18. Judge Hugh Gibson (Senior)

- A. Retention of all cases presently on his docket and those cases accepted from other members of the court.
- B. All civil cases filed in the Galveston Division in which Judge Kent is disqualified or has chosen to recuse himself.

Miscellaneous Docket in Houston

- A. 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 when filed. If that judge is not available and if the emergency requires prompt action, the matter will be referred to the judge assigned the miscellaneous docket.
- B. The miscellaneous docket in the Houston Division consists of those matters that arise before a civil or criminal proceeding

is filed and assigned to a judge, such as naturalization ceremonies, grants of immunity to witnesses, and in forma pauperis applications.

- C. The miscellaneous docket judge shall summon and empanel all grand and petit juries in the Houston Division.
- D. The miscellaneous docket duties may be exchanged by consent with notice to the clerk and the chief judge.

General

- A. In cases in which a judge in the Houston Division is disqualified or stands recused, the clerk shall randomly assign the matter to another judge. The judges in the Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Laredo, and McAllen Divisions share recusals and disqualifications originating in those divisions. Where there are two resident judges, the case will first be reassigned to the other judge. The Victoria Division will share recusals with Houston and Galveston.
- B. Nothing in this order is to deprive a judge of jurisdiction in a matter, but is to expedite the disposition of cases. A judge may handle other matters for another judge by consent of both.
- C. Matters affecting a liaison assignment should be brought first to the attention of the liaison judge who may handle routine administrative matters. Emergency questions involving court policies will be discussed with the chief judge and may be resolved by the liaison judge and chief judge. All emergency matters will be reported to the Houston judges in time for discussion at the next judges' meeting and the full court shall be informed of the matter.
- D. The attorney admissions fund will be administered as provided in the Plan.
- E. 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.

Assignment of Magistrate Judges to District Judges

Judges

Kenneth M. Hoyt
Nancy F. Atlas

Lynn N. Hughes
David Hittner

Lee H. Rosenthal
Vanessa D. Gilmore

Melinda Harmon
Ewing Werlein, Jr.

Sim Lake
John D. Rainey

Magistrate Judges

Calvin Botley

Marcia A. Crone

Mary Milloy

Frances H. Stacy

Nancy K. Johnson

Samuel B. Kent
Hugh Gibson

Hayden W. Head, Jr.
Janis Jack

Filemon B. Vela

Ricardo H. Hinojosa

George P. Kazen

John R. Froeschner

Eduardo E. de Ases

Fidencio Garza, Jr.
John W. Black

William Mallet
Peter E. Ormsby

Marcel C. Notzon

SIGNED at Houston, Texas this 2nd day of January, 1996.

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