

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
GALVESTON DIVISION

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
ENTERED

DEC 17 2007

Michael N. Milby, Clerk
By Deputy Clerk *Theresa Hawzi*

IN RE: §
RELOCATION OF § GENERAL ORDER NO. 2007-17
JUDGE SAM KENT'S STAFF §

ORDER TO THE CLERK OF COURT TO CHANGE DUTY STATIONS
OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES ON THE STAFF OF JUDGE SAM KENT

By its General Order 2007-10, October 25, 2007, following sanctions imposed by the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council, the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, merged the dockets of its Galveston and Houston Divisions. Henceforth, all cases filed in either division would be heard by the judges of the Houston Division.

By its General Order 2007-11, October 25, 2007, the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, on its authority and the further authority granted to it by the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council in its order of September 28, 2007, ordered the relocation of Judge Kent's duty station from the Galveston Division to the Houston Division.

Although Judge Kent was then observing a four-month leave of absence as a sanction imposed by the Judicial Council, his relocation was effective immediately.

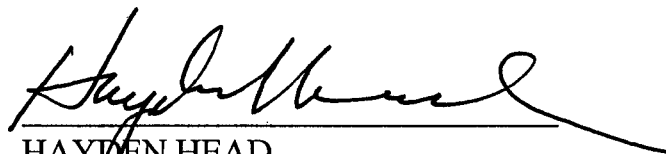
Judge Kent will resume his duties on January 2, 2008, in the Houston Division of this court at the Bob Casey United States Courthouse, 515 Rusk, Houston, Texas. In anticipation of the needs of Judge Kent when he resumes his duties, chambers and courtroom are being prepared and are being made ready for him in Houston. His personal effects are being relocated from Galveston to Houston. The occupancy date of his newly assigned chambers and courtroom is December 19, 2007.

Necessary and incidental to the decisions to merge dockets, to relocate Judge Kent's duty station, and to ready new chambers is the need to relocate Judge Kent's chambers staff including his secretary/assistant and two law clerks to Houston. They remained in Galveston in Judge Kent's former chambers until appropriate facilities became available for them in Houston. Accordingly to complete Judge Kent's relocation as ordered by the court, their duty stations are hereby ordered changed from Galveston, Texas, to Houston, Texas, effective December 19, 2007. Judge Kent's former chambers in Galveston have been designated joint use for all judges hearing cases in Galveston, Texas.

To assist in his relocation and to prepare for the return of Judge Kent so that he may resume his duties, I further order his staff to report for work to Judge Kent's chambers in Houston, Texas, on December 19, 2007. The Office of the Clerk of the Court is prepared to give to Judge Kent's staff further orientation of the Houston Division

operations, facilities, and personnel. Supervision of Judge Kent's staff in his absence will be by the Chief Judge of this Court with the assistance of Judge Lynn Hughes.

Signed at Corpus Christi, Texas, this the 17 day of December, 2007.



HAYDEN HEAD
CHIEF JUDGE