

October 16, 2023

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
ALL DIVISIONS

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk 

Re: Revised 2023 Work Order

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GENERAL ORDER 2023-11

WORK ORDER
(Effective October 16, 2023)

Under 28 U.S.C. § 154, the bankruptcy judges are assigned these matters. Except as set forth in paragraph 8 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.

	Chief Judge Rodriguez
Chapter 7 cases	100%
Chapter 11 cases	100%
Chapter 12 cases	100%
Chapter 13 cases	100%
Chapter 15 cases	100%

2. Corpus Christi Division.

	Judge Isgur
Chapter 7 cases	100%
Chapter 11 cases	100%
Chapter 12 cases	100%
Chapter 13 cases	100%
Chapter 15 cases	100%

3. Galveston Division.

	Judge Norman
Chapter 7 cases	100%
Chapter 11 cases	100%
Chapter 12 cases	100%
Chapter 13 cases	100%
Chapter 15 cases	100%

4. **Houston Division.**

	Chief Judge Rodriguez	Judge Lopez	Judge Isgur	Judge Norman
Chapter 7 cases	45%	10%	0%	45%
Chapter 11 cases	50%	0%	0%	50%
Chapter 12 cases	0%	0%	0%	100%
Chapter 13 cases (Trustee Heitkamp)	43%	0%	0%	57%
Chapter 13 cases (Trustee Peake)	0%	63%	37%	0%
Chapter 15 cases	0%	50%	50%	0%

5. **Laredo Division.**

	Judge Norman
Chapter 7 cases	100%
Chapter 11 cases	100%
Chapter 12 cases	100%
Chapter 13 cases	100%
Chapter 15 cases	100%

6. **McAllen Division.**

	Chief Judge Rodriguez
Chapter 7 cases	100%
Chapter 11 cases	100%
Chapter 12 cases	100%
Chapter 13 cases	100%
Chapter 15 cases	100%

7. **Victoria Division.**

	Judge Lopez	Judge Isgur
Chapter 7 cases	100%	0%
Chapter 11 cases	100%	0%
Chapter 12 cases	100%	0%
Chapter 13 cases	0%	100%
Chapter 15 cases	100%	0%

8. Reassignments of Existing Cases.

- A. Cases previously assigned to Judge Jones will be randomly reassigned in the percentages shown in the work order for new cases.
- B. To achieve a more equal distribution of cases, non-complex Houston chapter 11 cases previously assigned to Judge Isgur will be randomly reassigned in the percentages shown in the work order for new cases.

9. Adversary Proceedings.

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

10. Recusals.

- A. Should a judge be required to recuse, the case will be reassigned in accordance with this table:

Division	Recusal Judge
Brownsville	Judge Isgur
Corpus Christi	Chief Judge Rodriguez
Galveston	Judge Isgur
Houston Chapter 13 Cases (Lopez)	Judge Isgur
Houston Chapter 13 Cases (Rodriguez)	Judge Norman
Houston Chapter 13 Cases (Isgur)	Judge Lopez
Houston Chapter 13 Cases (Norman)	Chief Judge Rodriguez
Houston (all other cases)	Randomly across all Judges
Laredo	Chief Judge Rodriguez
McAllen	Judge Isgur
Victoria (Lopez)	Judge Isgur
Victoria (Isgur)	Judge Lopez

- B. 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.

11. 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 with the consent of the transferee judge.

12. 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 assigned judge is not available and the matter requires emergency attention, the matter may be considered by any other judge.

13. Miscellaneous Proceedings.

Unless otherwise ordered, miscellaneous proceedings will be presented to the chief judge. After consultation with the other judges, the chief judge will assign the proceeding to a judge.

14. 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.

SIGNED October 16, 2023



Eduardo V. Rodriguez
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge