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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS ORDER NO. 22

In re: ASSIGNMENT OF CASES IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

It is ORDERED that, commencing January 1, 1980, cases, both criminal and civil, filed in the Northern District of Texas will be assigned as follows:

1. All cases on the Lubbock, San Angelo, and Abilene dockets shall be assigned to Judge Halbert O. Woodward, except those specially assigned to other Judges.

2. All cases, both civil and criminal, on the Amarillo docket shall be assigned to Judge Mary Lou Robinson with the exception of those cases heretofore reserved or assigned for trial to other Judges.

3. All cases, both civil and criminal, on the Fort Worth and Wichita Falls dockets shall be divided equitably by agreement between Judges Eldon B. Mahon and David O. Belew, Jr.

4. All cases in the Dallas Division assigned to Judge Belew still awaiting disposition on January 1, 1980, and 50 of the cases in such Division assigned to Judge Robinson shall be reassigned to Judge Buchmeyer.

5. All criminal arraignments and assignment of criminal cases in the Dallas Division shall be conducted by and assigned to Judge Sarah T. Hughes, subject to the assignment by Judge Hughes to other Judges in the Dallas Division for the trial of criminal cases in the manner heretofore ordered by the Judges in the Northern District of Texas.

6. With exception of criminal cases as set forth in Paragraph 5 above, all other cases filed in the Dallas Division in the Northern District of Texas shall be assigned by random on a percentage basis as follows:

- To Judge Robert M. Hill 16.5%;
- To Judge Robert W. Porter 16.5%;
- To Judge Patrick e. Higginbotham 16.5%;
- To Judge Barefoot Sanders 16.5%;
- To Judge Jerry L. Buchmeyer 16.5%;
- To Senior Active Judge William M. Taylor 12.5%;
- To Judge Mary Lou Robinson 5%.

7. Further, Judge Taylor shall assign to Judge Buchmeyer 250 of the civil cases heretofore assigned to him.

8. Courtroom No. 1, Room 15-B-16 of the Federal Building in Dallas, Texas, is assigned for use to Judge Sanders and to Senior Active Judge Taylor.

Courtroom No. 2, Room 15-B-15 of the Federal Building in Dallas, Texas, is assigned to Judge Hill except as noted below.

Courtroom No. 3, Room 15-A-7 of the Federal Building in Dallas, Texas, is assigned to Judge Buchmeyer except as noted below.

Courtroom No. 4, Room 15-B-35 of the Federal Building in Dallas, Texas, is assigned to Judge Higginbotham except as noted below.

Courtroom No. 5, Room 15-B-36 of the Federal Building in Dallas, Texas, is assigned to Judge Porter except as noted below.

In order to insure courtroom space for the use by Judge Hughes for criminal trials and by Judge Robinson for the trial of her civil docket, the following weeks are set aside for their use. Any Judge to whom these courtrooms are regularly assigned, as above noted, will be required to use either the Magistrates' courtroom or a hearing room for all trials and hearings, both jury and non-jury, unless Judges Hughes and Robinson do not have a use for such courtrooms.

Courtroom No. 2 will be reserved for such use by Judges Hughes and Robinson during the first calendar week of any month.

Courtroom No. 3 will be reserved for such use by Judges Hughes and Robinson during the second calendar week of any month.

Courtroom No. 4 will be reserved for such use by Judges Hughes and Robinson during the third calendar week of any month.

Courtroom No. 5 will be reserved for such use by Judges Hughes and Robinson during the fourth calendar week of any month.

The first calendar week shall be measured as starting on the first Monday of a calendar month and the following Mondays will be the starting days for the following calendar weeks.

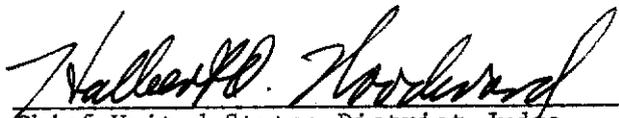
Nothing herein shall prevent the Judges from mutually agreeing to use of the courtrooms other than provided above, but in the event of any conflict the above assignments shall prevail.

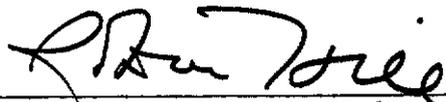
Further, Judges Robinson and Hughes will coordinate their use of the courtroom during the respective weeks so as to accommodate their

dockets. It is contemplated that Judge Hughes will hold all arraignments, sentencings, and hearings on motions in the hearing room to be constructed near her chambers on the 13th Floor.

9. It is further provided that in the event any Judge in the Dallas Division is engaged in the trial of a case that extends for a period in excess of two weeks, said Judge may, at the beginning of the third week of the trial, or thereafter, certify to the Clerk such fact and request that any case filed while the trial is being conducted needing or requiring emergency action by a Judge, such as a prayer for a temporary restraining order, not be assigned to such Judge. In which case, the Clerk will select, by random selection, a Judge other than the one engaged in such lengthy trial.

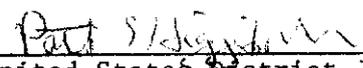
This order shall be effective January 1, 1980.


Chief United States District Judge

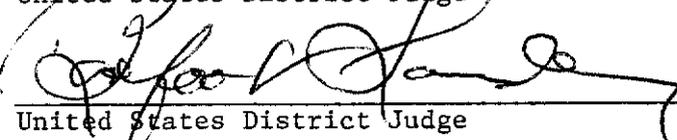

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