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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 3-249

1. Assignment Procedures Following Recusal (District Judge)

a. Case Originating in the Abilene, Lubbock or San Angelo Division

If the district judge responsible for the Abilene, Lubbock, or San Angelo divisions recuses in a case, the clerk will assign the case to the district judge responsible for the Amarillo division. If the district judge responsible for the Amarillo division recuses, the clerk will assign the case to a district judge in the Fort Worth division using that division's random assignment system. If the assigned district judge in the Fort Worth division recuses, the clerk will assign the case to the other district judge in the Fort Worth division. If both of the district judges in the Fort Worth division recuse, the clerk will assign the case to a district judge in the Dallas division using that division's random assignment system. If the district judge to whom the case is assigned in the Dallas division recuses, the clerk will randomly assign the case to another district judge in the Dallas division.

b. Case Originating in the Amarillo Division

If the district judge responsible for the Amarillo division recuses in a case, the clerk will assign the case to the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division. If the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division

recuses, the clerk will assign the case to a district judge in the Fort Worth division using that division's random assignment system. If the assigned district judge in the Fort Worth division recuses, the clerk will assign the case to the other district judge in the Fort Worth division. If both of the district judges in the Fort Worth division recuse, the clerk will assign the case to a district judge in the Dallas division using that division's random assignment system. If the district judge to whom the case is assigned in the Dallas division recuses, the clerk will randomly assign the case to another district judge in the Dallas division.

c. Case Originating in the Dallas Division

If a district judge in the Dallas division recuses in a case, the clerk will assign the case to another district judge in the Dallas division using that division's random assignment system. If all district judges in the Dallas division recuse, the clerk will assign the case to a district judge in the Fort Worth division using that division's random assignment system. If the assigned district judge in the Fort Worth division recuses, the clerk will assign the case to the other district judge in the Fort Worth division. If both of the district judges in the Fort Worth division recuse, the clerk will assign the case to the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division. If the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division recuses, the clerk will assign the case to the district judge responsible for the Amarillo division.

d. Case Originating in the Fort Worth Division

If a district judge in the Fort Worth division recuses in a case, the clerk will assign the case to the other district judge in the Fort Worth division. If both of the district judges in the Fort Worth division recuse, the clerk will assign the case to a district judge in the Dallas division using that division's random assignment system. If a district judge in the Dallas division recuses, the clerk will randomly assign the case to another district judge in the Dallas division. If all district judges in the Dallas division recuse, the clerk will assign the case to the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division. If the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division recuses, the clerk will assign the case to the district judge responsible for the Amarillo division.

e. Case Originating in the Wichita Falls Division

If the district judge responsible for the Wichita Falls division recuses in a case, the clerk will assign the case to a district judge in the Dallas division using that division's random assignment system. If a district judge in the Dallas division recuses, the clerk will randomly assign the case to another district judge in the Dallas division. If all district judges in the Dallas division recuse, the clerk will assign the case to a district judge in the Fort Worth division using that division's random assignment procedure. If the assigned district judge in the Fort Worth division recuses, the clerk will assign the case to the other district judge in the Fort Worth division. If both of the district judges in the Fort Worth division recuse, the clerk will assign the case to the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division. If the district judge

responsible for the Lubbock division recuses, the clerk will assign the case to the district judge responsible for the Amarillo division.

2. Assignment Procedures Following Recusal (Magistrate Judge)

a. Case Originating in the Abilene, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Lubbock, or San Angelo Division

If a magistrate judge in either the Abilene, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Lubbock, or San Angelo division recuses in a case, the clerk will forward the case to the assigned district judge. The assigned district judge will decide whether to adjudicate the case or refer it by order to another magistrate judge.

b. Case Originating in the Dallas Division

If a magistrate judge in the Dallas division recuses in a case, the clerk will assign the case to another magistrate judge in the Dallas division using that division's random assignment system. If all magistrate judges in the Dallas division recuse, the clerk will forward the case to the assigned district judge. The assigned district judge will decide whether to adjudicate the case or refer it by order to another magistrate judge.

c. Case Originating in the Wichita Falls Division

If the part-time magistrate judge in the Wichita Falls division recuses in a case, the clerk will assign the case to a magistrate judge in the Dallas division using that division's random assignment system. If a magistrate judge in the

Dallas division recuses, the clerk will randomly assign the case to another magistrate judge in the Dallas division. If all magistrate judges in the Dallas division recuse, the clerk will forward the case to the assigned district judge. The assigned district judge will decide whether to adjudicate the case or refer it by order to another magistrate judge.

3. Emergency Matters

a. Emergency Matter Originating in the Abilene, Lubbock or San Angelo Division

If the district judge responsible for the Abilene, Lubbock, or San Angelo divisions is unavailable to review an emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the district judge responsible for the Amarillo division. If the district judge responsible for the Amarillo division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the duty district judge in the Fort Worth division. If the duty district judge in the Fort Worth division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the other district judge in the Fort Worth division. If both of the district judges in the Fort Worth division are unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the duty district judge in the Dallas division. If the duty district judge in the Dallas division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the next available district judge within the Dallas division by order of seniority.

b. Emergency Matter Originating in the Amarillo Division

If the district judge responsible for the Amarillo division is unavailable to consider an emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division. If the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the duty district judge in the Fort Worth division. If the duty district judge in the Fort Worth division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the other district judge in the Fort Worth division. If both of the district judges in the Fort Worth division are unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the duty district judge in the Dallas division. If the duty district judge in the Dallas division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the next available district judge within the Dallas division by order of seniority.

c. Emergency Matter Originating in the Dallas Division

If the assigned district judge in the Dallas division is unavailable to review an emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the duty district judge for the Dallas division. If the duty district judge in the Dallas division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the next available district judge within the Dallas division by order of seniority. If all district judges in the Dallas division are unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the duty district judge in the Fort Worth division. If the

duty district judge in the Fort Worth division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the other district judge in the Fort Worth division. If both of the district judges in the Fort Worth division are unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division. If the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the district judge responsible for the Amarillo division.

d. Emergency Matter Originating in the Fort Worth Division

If the assigned district judge in the Fort Worth division is unavailable to review an emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the other district judge in the Fort Worth division. If both district judges in the Fort Worth division are unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the duty district judge in the Dallas division. If the duty district judge in the Dallas division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the next available district judge within the Dallas division by order of seniority. If all district judges in the Dallas division are unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division. If the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the district judge responsible for the Amarillo division.

e. Emergency Matter Originating in the Wichita Falls Division

If the district judge responsible for the Wichita Falls division is unavailable to review an emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the duty district judge in the Dallas division. If the duty district judge in the Dallas division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the next available district judge within the Dallas division by order of seniority. If all district judges in the Dallas division are unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the duty district judge in the Fort Worth division. If the duty district judge in the Fort Worth division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the other district judge in the Fort Worth division. If both of the district judges in the Fort Worth division are unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division. If the district judge responsible for the Lubbock division is unavailable to review the emergency matter, the clerk will forward the emergency matter to the district judge responsible for the Amarillo division.

SO ORDERED this 8 day of March, 2006.

A. Joe Fish

A. JOE FISH, CHIEF JUDGE
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