



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 3-356**

Effective immediately, except for cases directly assigned under Special Order No. 3-250, civil and criminal cases filed in the Dallas Division will be assigned by random draw as follows:

	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Criminal</u>
Chief Judge David C. Godbey	10%	13.0%
Judge Sam A. Lindsay	12.5%	14.5%
Judge Ed Kinkeade	12.5%	14.5%
Judge Jane J. Boyle	12.5%	14.5%
Judge Karen Gren Scholer	12.5%	14.5%
Judge Brantley Starr	12.5%	14.5%
Judge Ada E. Brown	12.5%	14.5%
Senior Judge A. Joe Fish	6%	0%
Senior Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater	9%	0%

For each multiple-defendant criminal case, the clerk's office is instructed to remove one additional card from the assigned judge's available cards in the deck for every five defendants in the case. The clerk will not assign to a senior judge any patent case; case in which a TRO or preliminary injunction is requested or has been granted in state court prior to removal; bankruptcy appeal that seeks emergency relief, or complaint seeking class action certification under Fed.R.Civ.P. 23.

**SO ORDERED.**

March 14, 2025

  
DAVID C. GODBEY  
CHIEF JUDGE