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**KAREN MITCHELL
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT
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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 3-359

Effective April 13, 2026, 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 Reed O'Connor	5%	10%
Judge Sam A. Lindsay	12%	14%
Judge Ed Kinkeade	12%	14%
Judge Karen Gren Scholer	12%	14%
Judge Brantley Starr	12%	14%
Judge Ada E. Brown	12%	14%
Senior Judge A. Joe Fish	6%	0%
Senior Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater	9%	0%
Senior Judge David C. Godbey	11%	10%
Senior Judge Jane J. Boyle	9%	10%

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.

April 13, 2026



REED O'CONNOR
CHIEF JUDGE