

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY

Eastern District of Kentucky
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Robert R. Carr
Clerk, U.S. District Court

IN RE:)
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CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASE)
ASSIGNMENTS FOR UNITED)
STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES)
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GENERAL ORDER NO. 23-10

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The district judges of the Court being in agreement, it is hereby

ORDERED as follows:

1. This Order **VACATES** and **REPLACES** General Order Nos. 18-22, 19-12 and 22-16 governing civil and criminal case assignments for United States Magistrate Judges in this District.

2. Regardless of the docket to which the case is assigned, and with the exception of death penalty cases which are referred by the Administrative Order regarding Death Penalty Cases, all (i) motions to vacate, correct or modify a sentence brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255; (ii) *pro se* civil rights cases; (iii) civil cases brought by or on behalf of prisoners; and (iv) petitions for writs of habeas corpus brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, shall be divided equally by a blind rotating draw and referred among full-time United States Magistrate Judges Edward B. Atkins, Candace J. Smith, Hanly A. Ingram, and Matthew A. Stinnett.

3. a. Subject to paragraph 2 above, all other civil cases on the Ashland docket shall be referred to Magistrate Judge Atkins. Should Magistrate Judge Atkins recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Smith. Should both Magistrates Judge Atkins and Smith recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Stinnett.

b. Subject to paragraph 2 above, all other criminal cases on the Ashland docket shall be referred by blind draw to Magistrate Atkins (50%) and Magistrate Judge Smith (50%). Should Magistrate Judge Atkins recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Smith. Should Magistrate Judge Smith recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Atkins. Should both Magistrate Judges Atkins and Smith recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Stinnett.

4. Subject to paragraph 2 above, all other cases on the Covington docket shall be referred to Magistrate Judge Smith. Should Magistrate Judge Smith recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Atkins. Should both Magistrate Judges Smith and Atkins recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Stinnett.

5. Subject to paragraph 2 above, all other civil cases on the Frankfort docket shall be referred to Magistrate Judge Atkins. Should Magistrate Judge Atkins recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Stinnett. Should both Magistrate Judges Atkins and Stinnett recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Smith.

6. Subject to paragraph 2 above, all other civil cases on the Lexington docket, absent other agreement by the participating active and/or senior judges, shall be referred by blind draw to Magistrate Stinnett (80%) and Magistrate Judge Atkins (20%). Should Magistrate Judge Stinnett recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Atkins. Should Magistrate Judge Atkins recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Stinnett. Should both Magistrate Judges Stinnett and Atkins recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Ingram.

7. Subject to paragraph 2 above, all other criminal cases on the Frankfort and Lexington dockets, absent other agreement by the participating active and/or senior judges,

shall be referred by blind draw to Magistrate Judge Stinnett (70%) and Magistrate Judge Atkins (30%). Should Magistrate Judge Stinnett recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Atkins. Should both Magistrate Judges Stinnett and Atkins recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Ingram.

8. Subject to paragraph 2 above, all other cases on the London docket shall be referred to Magistrate Judge Ingram. Should Magistrate Judge Ingram recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Atkins. Should both Magistrate Judges Ingram and Atkins recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Stinnett.

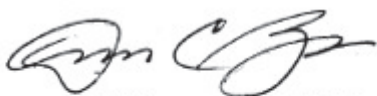
9. Subject to paragraph 2 above, all other cases on the Pikeville docket shall be referred to Magistrate Judge Atkins. Should Magistrate Judge Atkins recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Ingram. Should both Magistrate Judges Atkins and Ingram recuse, the case shall be reassigned to Magistrate Judge Smith.

10. To the fullest extent possible, the United States Magistrate Judges for this district shall conduct proceedings in all cases assigned to them at the location where the case is docketed.

11. The United States Magistrate Judges for this district are authorized to reassign any assigned case to another magistrate judge willing to accept it.

Dated: April 7, 2023.




Danny C. Reeves, Chief Judge
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