

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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IN RE: THE DIVISION OF CIVIL AND)
CRIMINAL CASES)

General Order No. 22-13

By BONNIE HACKLER
Clerk, U.S. District Court
Deputy Clerk

With respect to the division of cases before the judges of this district, effective August 8, 2022, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Clerk of Court shall divide all civil cases into three categories for the random assignment of cases to judges of the district as follows:

Category 1. Actions arising under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241 and 2254, *pro se* cases, appeals from the Bankruptcy Court, and any other action requesting preliminary injunctive relief:

Judge Ronald A. White	28 cases in 42
Judge John F. Heil, III	14 cases in 42

Category 2. All death penalty actions:

Judge Ronald A. White	3 cases in 5
Judge John F. Heil, III	2 cases in 5

Category 3. All social security cases:

Magistrate Judge Kimberly E. West	14 cases in 42
Magistrate Judge Jason A. Robertson	14 cases in 42
Magistrate Judge Gerald L. Jackson	14 cases in 42

Category 4. All other civil actions:

Magistrate Judge Kimberly E. West	30 cases in 92
Magistrate Judge Jason A. Robertson	31 cases in 92
Magistrate Judge Gerald L. Jackson	31 cases in 92

All cases in Category 4 will be subject to Misc. Order No. 03-08.

When companion cases are filed, *i.e.*, cases involving the same transaction regardless of parties, at first knowledge of such fact, the affected judges shall be notified. In the event the judges mutually agree to the companion nature of the actions and the transfer of the same, the cases shall be assigned or transferred to the judge receiving the lowest case number.

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2. With respect to opt-out (“District Court Judge Option”) cases from the Magistrate Judges’ original draw under Categories 3 and 4, the Clerk of Court is directed to randomly assign cases to the District Judges as follows:

Judge Ronald A. White	28 cases in 42
Judge John F. Heil, III	14 cases in 42

3. The Clerk of Court is directed to randomly assign criminal cases to the District Judges as follows:

Judge Ronald A. White	50 cases in 75
Judge John F. Heil, III	25 cases in 75

Judges Ronald A. White, John F. Heil, III, Kimberly E. West, Jason A. Robertson, and Gerald L. Jackson will call all Grand Jury sessions, with a Magistrate Judge conducting all initial appearances and arraignments in criminal cases.

4. With the exception of Misc. Order No. 03-08, all previous orders regarding division of cases are rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 8th day of August 2022.



Ronald A. White
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE