

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

FILED

MAY 23 2023

BONNIE HACKLER  
Clerk, U.S. District Court

Deputy Clerk

IN RE: THE DIVISION OF CIVIL AND )  
CRIMINAL CASES ) General Order No. 23-8  
)

**GENERAL ORDER**

With respect to the division of cases before the judges of this district, effective May 23, 2023, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

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

**Category 1.** Actions arising under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241 and 2254, *pro se* cases, appeals from 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 Gerald L. Jackson	14 cases in 42
Magistrate Judge Jason A. Robertson	14 cases in 42
Magistrate Judge D. Edward Snow	14 cases in 42

**Category 4.** All other civil actions:

Magistrate Judge Gerald L. Jackson	31 cases in 92
Magistrate Judge Jason A. Robertson	31 cases in 92
Magistrate Judge D. Edward Snow	30 cases in 92

All cases in Category 4 will be subject to Misc. Order No. 03-08 (as hereby amended).

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 as to the companion nature of the actions and the transfer of same, the cases shall be assigned or transferred to the judge receiving the lowest case number.

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, Gerald L. Jackson, Jason A. Robertson and D. Edward Snow 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 23rd day of May 2023.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
RONALD A. WHITE  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE