

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: THE DIVISION OF CIVIL AND )  
CRIMINAL CASES ) General Order No. 24-1  
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By **BONNIE HACKLER**  
Clerk, U.S. District Court  
Deputy Clerk

**GENERAL ORDER**

With respect to the division of cases before the judges of this district, effective February 1, 2024, 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 56  
Magistrate Judge Jason A. Robertson 14 cases in 56  
Magistrate Judge D. Edward Snow 14 cases in 56  
Magistrate Judge Steven P. Shreder (recall) 14 cases in 56

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

Magistrate Judge Gerald L. Jackson 31 cases in 107  
Magistrate Judge Jason A. Robertson 31 cases in 107  
Magistrate Judge D. Edward Snow 30 cases in 107  
Magistrate Judge Steven P. Shreder (recall) 15 cases in 107

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:

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| 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:

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

4. Judges Ronald A. White, John F. Heil, III, Gerald L. Jackson, Jason A. Robertson, D. Edward Snow, Kimberly E. West (recall), or Steven P. Shreder (recall) will call all Grand Jury sessions, with a Magistrate Judge conducting all initial appearances and arraignments in criminal cases.

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 Order No. 03-08, all previous orders regarding the division of cases are rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 1st day of February, 2024.

  
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RONALD A. WHITE  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE