

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

FILED

IN THE MATTER OF THE DIVISION)
OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES) General Order 21-6

MAR 15 2021

PATRICK KEANEY
Clerk, U.S. District Court

By _____
Deputy Clerk

GENERAL ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED EFFECTIVE March 15, 2021:

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 U.S.C. §§ 2241 and 2254, pro se prisoner cases, appeals from Bankruptcy Court, and any 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. Social Security Cases

Magistrate Judge Kimberly E. West	21 cases in 42
Magistrate Judge Steven P. Shreder	21 cases in 42

Category 4. All other civil actions:

Judge Ronald A. White	28 cases in 92
Judge John F. Heil, III	14 cases in 92
Magistrate Judge Kimberly E. West	25 cases in 92
Magistrate Judge Steven P. Shreder	25 cases in 92

All cases in Category 4 will be subject to Misc. Order No. 03-08 (as hereby amended to reflect the assignment of 25 cases in 92 to each of the two Magistrate Judges).

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, Kimberly E. West, or Steven P. Shreder 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 Order No. 03-08, all previous orders regarding division of cases are rescinded.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 15th day of March, 2021.



RONALD A. WHITE
Chief United States District Judge