

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

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RE: **WORKLOAD DISTRIBUTION
FOR SENIOR JUDGES**

CEDAR RAPIDS HDQTRS. OFFICE
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 07-AO-0001-P

BY *D. Ratay*

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §371, the Eight Circuit Judicial Council Order on standards for senior judges to qualify for retention of staff, dated December 15, 1995, and the Judicial Conference rules for certification of senior judges in the Guide to Judiciary Policies and Procedures, Volume 3, Section C, Chapter I, Part B, Exhibit B-3, the following guidelines are adopted for the Northern District of Iowa.

The district will immediately adopt a random case rotation that will assign one (1) case to each senior judge after the assignment of four (4) cases each to the active Article III Judges within the district. This rotation will be for civil and criminal cases. A senior judge who elects to not take one type of case may take additional cases in the other category in order to satisfy the requirements. The Clerk of Court shall monitor caseload levels to ensure that each senior judge maintains not less than a randomly selected 25% of the average active judge caseload within the district. The Clerk of Court shall also review caseloads annually to ensure the 25% standard is maintained, and if not achieved in that year, add cases to achieve the desired distribution.

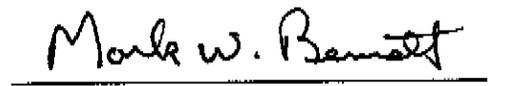
Senior Judges are encouraged to actively participate in the distribution plan and immediately notify the Chief Judge or the Clerk of Court if the distribution plan causes an undue burden at any time. The Clerk of Court will immediately change the assignment and distribution of cases at the direction of the Chief Judge.

This distribution plan will be flexible and sets out the basic minimums to ensure that each senior judge who so desires will receive the workload requirements to qualify for retention of staff. Additional work may be requested at any time in order to fully engage chambers staff.

This order anticipates that senior judges will work at their respective courthouses and will not be expected to travel to fulfill their duties.

Ordered this 25th day of January, 2007.


Linda R. Reade, Chief Judge
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT


Mark W. Bennett, District Judge
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT