

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

**IN RE: CASE ASSIGNMENTS
FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGES**

**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**No. 16-AO-0002-P
(Supercedes No. 15-AO-0004P)**

Effective this 16th day of March, 2016, cases in the Northern District of Iowa will be assigned as follows:

CIVIL CASES

1. With the exception of cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, in civil cases, active district court judge, senior judge in Sioux City, and magistrate judge case assignments will be randomly drawn from the district as a whole without regard to court divisions. The Cedar Rapids senior judge case assignments will be drawn from the Eastern and Cedar Rapids divisions, and will be paired with the Cedar Rapids magistrate judge.

2. 28 U.S.C. § 2255 cases will be assigned to the sentencing judge who handled the underlying criminal case. If the sentencing judge is not available, the case will be randomly assigned as any other civil case.

3. 42 U.S.C. § 1983 cases will be assigned in the following manner: the Cedar Rapids senior resident judge 10%, the Sioux City senior resident district court judge 30%, each active resident district court judge 30%.

4. Social Security cases will be assigned in the following manner: Cedar Rapids resident senior judge 20%, active Cedar Rapids district judge 40%, active Sioux City district judge 40%.

5. All other civil cases will be assigned in the following manner: each senior judge 15% and each active judge 35%.

CRIMINAL CASES

6. Criminal cases arising in the Western Division and in Emmet, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Calhoun, Carroll, Kossuth, Humboldt and Webster counties in the Central Division will be processed and adjudicated at the Sioux City Courthouse and assigned to the resident district court judges in the following manner: active resident district court judge 70% and senior resident district court judge 30%.

7. Criminal Cases arising in the Eastern Division, Cedar Rapids Division and Winnebago, Hancock, Wright, Hamilton, Worth, Cerro Gordo, Franklin and Butler Counties in the Central Division will be processed and adjudicated at the Cedar Rapids Courthouse and assigned to the active resident district court judge.

8. In criminal case assignments, each resident magistrate judge is paired with the resident district court judge at the same court point.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

9. The Clerk of Court will create a statistical report of civil case filings and assignments and criminal case filings, defendant count, and assignments on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year. The report will be promptly sent to the

Chief District Court Judge with a recommendation for addressing uneven case distributions. The Chief Judge will instruct the Clerk if any action is to be taken to equalize the case assignments based on the report.

10. The Court reserves the right to transfer cases between the judges at any time to equalize case assignments and in the interest of justice.

11. This Order supercedes Administrative Order 15-AO-0004-P.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2016.



LINDA R. READE
CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA



LEONARD T. STRAND
DISTRICT JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA



EDWARD J. MCMANUS
DISTRICT JUDGE
U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA



MARK W. BENNETT
DISTRICT JUDGE
U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

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Copies disbursed this 18th day of March, 2016 via email to:

Chief Judge Linda R. Reade

Judge Mark W. Bennett

Judge Edward J. McManus

Judge Leonard T. Strand

Chief Magistrate Judge Jon S. Scoles

Judge C. J. Williams

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