

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

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

**PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**No. 15-AO-0004-P  
(Supercedes 12-AO-0006-P)**

---

**Effective June 1, 2015, cases in the Northern District of Iowa will be assigned as follows:**

**CIVIL CASES**

- 1. 28 U.S.C. Section 2255 cases will be assigned to the sentencing judge who handled the underlying criminal case.**
- 2. 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 cases will be assigned in the following manner: In the Cedar Rapids Division and the Eastern Division, the Cedar Rapids active resident district court judge 60%, the resident senior district court judge 40%. In the Central Division and the Western Division, the Sioux City active resident district court judge 70%, the resident senior district court judge 30%.**
- 3. All other civil cases filed in the Cedar Rapids Division and Eastern Division will be assigned in the following manner: the Cedar Rapids active resident district court judge 60%, the resident senior district court judge 40%.**
- 4. All other civil cases (except Social Security) filed in the Central and the Western Divisions will be assigned to the Sioux City active resident district court judge 75%, the resident senior district court judge 25%.**

**5. Social Security cases filed in the Central Division and the Western Division will be assigned to the Sioux City active resident district court judge 60%, the resident senior district court judge 40%.**

**6. All foreclosure cases filed in the Cedar Rapids Division and the Eastern Division will be assigned to the Cedar Rapids resident senior district court judge.**

**7. All foreclosure cases filed in the Central Division and the Western Division will be assigned to the Sioux City resident senior district court judge.**

#### **CRIMINAL CASES**

**8. 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, 60% to the active resident district court judge and 40% to the senior resident district court judge.**

**9. 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.**

#### **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

**10. The Clerk of Court will provide a statistical report of civil and criminal case filings and assignment to the Chief Judge on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year with a recommendation for addressing uneven case distributions. The Chief Judge will instruct the Clerk if any action is to be taken to level the case assignments based on the report.**

**11. The Court reserves the right to transfer cases between the judges at any time in the interest of justice.**

12. Each resident magistrate judge is paired with the resident district court judges at the same court point.

13. The above division of cases does not guarantee that the caseload for any senior judge will be sufficient to qualify for staff under the Eighth Circuit Judicial Council Standards for Senior Judge Staffing.

14. This Order supercedes Administrative Order 12-AO-0006-P dated July 25, 2012.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED this 27th day of February, 2015.**



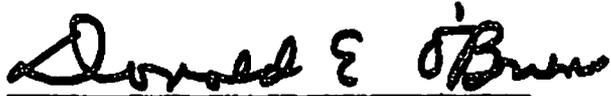
**LINDA R. READE  
CHIEF JUDGE  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA**



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



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



**DONALD E. O'BRIEN  
SENIOR JUDGE  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA**

Certified original placed in Public Administrative Order Book.

Copies disbursed this 27th day of February, 2015 via email to:

Chief Judge Linda R. Reade  
Judge Mark W. Bennett  
Judge Edward J. McManus  
Judge Donald E. O'Brien  
Chief Magistrate Judge Jon S. Scoles  
Magistrate Judge Leonard T. Strand  
Robert Phelps, Clerk of District Court  
Kim Schwartz, Deputy in Charge  
Bryan Woodward for posting on the external NDIA web-site  
Jim Whalen, Federal Public Defender's Office  
Jill Johnston, Federal Public Defender's Office  
Kevin Techau, US Attorney's Office  
Rich Murphy, US Attorney's Office  
Kenneth Runde, US Marshal Service  
Myron McDaniel, US Marshal Service



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Renea Solmonson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Renea Solmonson  
Chief Deputy