

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

IN THE MATTER OF  
CASE ASSIGNMENTS

**PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

No. 08-AO-14-P  
(Supercedes 08-AO-0008-P  
and 07-AO-0011-P)

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Effective January 1, 2009, the following case assignment procedure is approved for the Northern District of Iowa.

1. 28 U.S.C. § 2255 cases will be assigned to the sentencing judge who handled the criminal case.

2. 42 U.S.C. § 1983 cases will be assigned in the following manner: In the Cedar Rapids Division and the Eastern Division, Chief Judge Reade 60%, Senior Judge McManus 40%. In the Central Division and the Western Division, Judge Bennett 60%, Senior Judge O'Brien 40%.

3. All other civil cases filed in the Cedar Rapids Division and the Eastern Division will be assigned in the following manner: Chief Judge Reade 60%, Senior Judge McManus 40%.

4. All other civil cases (except Social Security) filed in the Central and the Western Divisions will be assigned to Judge Bennett 66.6% and to Senior Judge O'Brien 33.3%.

5. Social Security cases filed in the Central Division and the Western Division will be assigned to Judge Bennett 50% and to Senior Judge O'Brien 50%.

6. Criminal cases filed in the Western Division will be assigned to Judge Bennett 66% and to Senior Judge O'Brien 33.3%. Criminal cases arising in the Central Division counties of Emmet, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Calhoun, Carroll, Kossuth, Humboldt,

Webster, Winnebago, Hancock, Wright or Hamilton will be assigned to Judge Bennett.

7. Criminal cases filed in the Cedar Rapids Division, Eastern Division and criminal cases arising in the Central Division counties of Worth, Cerro Gordo, Franklin and Butler will be assigned to Chief Judge Reade.

8. Notwithstanding the above specific assignment procedures, the Clerk of Court will annually review caseloads to ensure that senior judges maintain not less than 25% of the average active judge caseload in the Northern District of Iowa in accordance with Administrative Order 07-AO-0001-P and so that senior judges can be re-certified to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 371 and the Eighth Circuit Judicial Council Order on standards for senior judges.

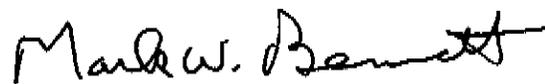
This Order supercedes Administrative Orders 08-AO-0008-P dated April 2, 2008 and 07-AO-0011-P dated March 31, 1995.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED** this 1 day of December, 2008.



Linda R. Reade, Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Iowa



Mark W. Bennett, Judge  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Iowa



Edward J. McManus, Senior Judge  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Iowa

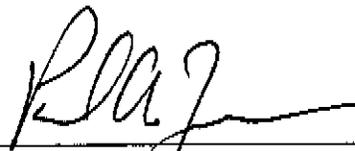


Donald E. O'Brien, Senior Judge  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Iowa



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Jon S. Scoles, Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Iowa



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Paul A. Zoss, Chief Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Iowa