

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

IN RE: CASE ASSIGNMENTS

**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

No. 19-AO-0001-P
(Supersedes No. 18-AO-0001-P)

Effective March 1, 2019, 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, civil case assignments will be randomly drawn from the district as a whole without regard to court divisions.
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 assigned randomly to a district judge as any other civil case.
3. 42 U.S.C. § 1983 cases will be assigned evenly between the active district judges and the magistrate judges.

4. All other civil cases will be assigned evenly between the Cedar Rapids senior district judge, the active district judges, and the magistrate judges.

CRIMINAL CASES

5. Criminal cases arising in the Western Division and in the Central Division will be processed and adjudicated at the Sioux City Courthouse and assigned to the active resident district judge.
6. Criminal Cases arising in the Eastern Division and the Cedar Rapids Division will be processed and adjudicated at the Cedar Rapids Courthouse and assigned to the active resident district judge. However, a sufficient number of those Eastern/Cedar Rapids cases will be assigned to the Sioux City active district judge such that after accounting for travel, the Sioux City active district judge will carry 45% of the total number of criminal cases in the district and the Cedar Rapids active district judge will carry 55% of the criminal cases.
7. In criminal case assignments, each magistrate judge is geographically paired with the district judge at the assigned court point.
8. Supervised release proceedings will generally remain assigned to the sentencing judge. If the sentencing judge is not available, then the proceeding will be reassigned by the Clerk's Office. Supervised release proceedings pending at one court point may be reassigned to the resident district judge at that court point even if that judge was not the sentencing judge, or possibly to a district judge at another court point closer to the defendant's residence.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

9. The Court reserves the right to transfer cases between the judges at any time to equalize case assignments and in the interest of justice.
10. This Order supersedes Administrative Order 18-AO-0001-P.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 18th day of January 2019.



LEONARD T. STRAND
Chief Judge
United States District Court
Northern District of Iowa



C.J. WILLIAMS
District Judge
United States District Court
Northern District of Iowa



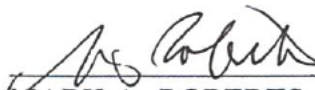
LINDA R. READE
District Judge
United States District Court
Northern District of Iowa



MARK W. BENNETT
District Judge
United States District Court
Northern District of Iowa



KELLY K.E. MAHONEY
Chief Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
Northern District of Iowa



MARK A. ROBERTS
Magistrate Judge
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