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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE
DIVISION OF COURT BUSINESS

O R D E R

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 28 United States Code, Section 137, it is hereby agreed and ordered by the undersigned active judges of this court that the division of this court's business among said judges shall be made as follows:

1. In the Southern Division of the court, sitting at Tacoma, Washington, all civil, criminal and other proceedings where venue lies in that court shall be assigned to Judge George H. Boldt.

2. In the Northern Division of the court, sitting at Seattle, Washington:

To Judge William J. Lindberg:
- 1/3 of all criminal cases;
- 1/3 of all proceedings under Rules 7, 20 and 40, F.R.Cr.P.;
- 30% of all civil cases, including bankruptcy reviews, Chapter X and XII Bankruptcy Act proceedings, but excluding habeas corpus petitions;
- Responsibility for the call and discharge of grand juries and return of indictments.

To Judge William T. Beeks:
- 1/3 of all criminal cases;
- 1/3 of all proceedings under Rules 7, 20 and 40, F.R.Cr.P.;
- 45% of all civil cases, including bankruptcy reviews, Chapter X and XII Bankruptcy Act proceedings, but excluding habeas corpus petitions;
- All civil cases where venue lies at Bellingham;
- All claims for wages and effects of deceased and deserting seamen;
- Responsibility for the call and qualification of petit jurors;
- Unassigned ex parte matters.

To Judge William N. Goodwin:
- 1/3 of all criminal cases;
- 1/3 of all proceedings under Rules 7, 20 and 40, F.R.Cr.P.;
- 25% of all civil cases, including bankruptcy reviews, Chapter X and XII Bankruptcy Act proceedings;
- All habeas corpus petitions, whether or not addressed to a named judge;
- Naturalization proceedings, including contested petitions.

Judge George H. Boldt will be available to handle cases in the Northern Division at such times as the business in the Southern Division of the court permits.

3. Petitions for admission to the bar of this court shall be presented to Judge William J. Lindberg, if available; otherwise they may be heard by any other judge of this court.

4. Proceedings under Section 2255, Title 28 United States Code, shall be assigned to and handled by the judge who imposed the sentence involved.

5. If immediate action is necessary in any case or proceeding assigned to a particular judge and that judge is unavailable for any reason, any other judge may hear and dispose of the matter requiring immediate attention, but such action shall not constitute reassignment of the case or proceeding.

6. When civil or criminal actions involving a common question of law ~~or~~ and fact are assigned to different judges and it appears to the clerk that there may be good reason to

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assign all of said actions to one judge, the clerk shall transfer the actions to the calendar of the judge to whom the first case was assigned.

7. As to any other matter or proceeding not provided for under this division of business order, the clerk shall refer the same to Judge Lindberg for assignment or disposition.

8. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, each of the judges of this court shall have and perform any and all of the authority and duty otherwise by law conferred upon him to hear, try, and dispose of any and all of the cases, matters and business of this court when he consents to do so.

9. All conflicting orders concerning the division of the court's business heretofore entered are vacated by this order.

10. It is further provided that this order shall be reviewed whenever the business of the court or other circumstances indicate the need for revision, such review to be considered at least once every two years in order that the business of the court may be equitably divided among the judges, and particularly with respect to the roving judgeship.

The effective date of this order shall be January 1, 1969.

DATED this 9th day of January, 1969.

William J. Lindberg
United States District Judge

George H. Boldt
United States District Judge

William T. Boeks
United States District Judge

William N. Goodwin
United States District Judge