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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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IN THE MATTER OF THE)
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DIVISION OF COURT BUSINESS)

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. All civil, criminal and other proceedings filed at Tacoma, Washington, shall be assigned to Judge George H. Boldt.

2. All civil, criminal and other proceedings filed at Seattle, Washington, shall be assigned as follows:

To Judge William J. Lindberg, Judge William T. Beeks, and Judge William N. Goodwin, each:

1/3 of all criminal cases; including appeals from commissioners/magistrates;

1/3 of all proceedings under Rules 7, 20, and 40, F.R.Cr.P.;

30% of all civil cases, including those where venue lies at Bellingham; bankruptcy reviews, and Chapter X, XI and XII bankruptcy proceedings, but excluding habeas corpus petitions.

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To Judge George H. Boldt:

10% of all civil cases, including those where venue lies at Bellingham; bankruptcy reviews, and Chapter X, XI and XII bankruptcy proceedings, but excluding habeas corpus petitions.

3. In addition to the foregoing:

A. Judge William J. Lindberg, as Chief Judge, shall be responsible for the call and discharge of grand juries and the return of indictments.

B. Judge William J. Lindberg shall handle petitions for admission to the bar of this court, if available, otherwise to be heard by any other judge of this court.

C. Judge William N. Goodwin shall handle all habeas corpus petitions filed at Seattle, whether or not addressed to a named judge, and all naturalization proceedings at Seattle, including contested petitions, it being understood that all matters referred to in this paragraph are, and for many years have been, the responsibility of the judge who is junior in seniority.

D. Judge William T. Beeks shall be responsible for the call and qualification of petit jurors; all claims for wages and effects of deceased and deserting seamen; and unassigned ex parte matters.

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.

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6. When civil or criminal actions involving a common question of law and fact are assigned to different judges and it appears to the Clerk that there may be good reason to assign all of said actions to one judge, the Clerk shall notify the judge to whom the first case was assigned who shall make the determination as to whether the subsequent actions should be assigned to him.

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. This order shall be effective as of October 1, 1970 and remain in force until rescinded.

11. Civil cases assigned during the month of October, 1970 shall remain undisturbed. However, during the month of November, 1970, and thereafter, if necessary, the Clerk shall credit assignments made to any judge during the month of October, 1970 which are in excess of such judge's share of the business as provided herein, and off-set them against filings made during November, 1970 which would ordinarily be assigned to said judge, to the end that the

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division of business set forth in this order shall be accomplished at the earliest possible date.

DATED this 30th day of October, 1970.

William J. Lindberg
United States District Judge

George H. Boldt
United States District Judge

William T. Beeks
United States District Judge

William N. Goodwin
United States District Judge

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