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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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 as hereinafter stated:

1. As used herein:

A. Civil cases includes bankruptcy reviews and Chapter X, XI and XII bankruptcy proceedings, but excludes habeas corpus petitions, except McNeil Island cases.

B. Criminal cases includes appeals from magistrates and all proceedings under Rules 7, 20, and 40, F.R.Cr.P.

2. All civil cases filed in this district shall be assigned in the following shares of the total number of cases filed:

Chief Judge George H. Boldt	full share
Judge William T. Beeks	full share
Judge William N. Goodwin	80% of a full share
Judge Walter T. McGovern	full share
Senior Judge William J. Lindberg	50% of a full share

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3. All criminal cases filed in this district shall be assigned in the following shares of the total number of cases filed:

Chief Judge George H. Boldt	full share
Judge William T. Beeks	full share
Judge William N. Goodwin	80% of a full share
Judge Walter T. McGovern	full share

4. In assigning cases in the aforesaid proportions, all civil and criminal cases filed at Tacoma, Washington shall be assigned to Chief Judge George H. Boldt. In the event the number of civil and criminal cases filed at Tacoma exceeds Judge Boldt's proportion, any excess shall be assigned to Judge Goodwin in making up his proportion.

5. A. Civil cases involving the antitrust laws, patent laws and security fraud laws shall not be assigned to Judge Lindberg.

B. All naturalization proceeds at Tacoma, including contested petitions, shall be handled by Chief Judge George H. Boldt, or by Judge Goodwin in his absence.

6. In addition to the foregoing:

A. Judge George H. Boldt, as Chief Judge, shall be responsible for the call and discharge of grand juries, the return of indictments, and all other matters related to the functions of the grand jury.

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B. Judge William T. Beeks at Seattle, and Judge George H. Boldt at Tacoma, shall handle individual petitions for admission to the bar of this court, if available, otherwise to be heard by any other judge of this court. Group admissions shall be handled as directed by the Chief Judge.

C. Judge Walter T. McGovern shall handle all habeas corpus petitions and other cases in which part of the relief sought is release from prison or similar relief, filed in this district, whether or not addressed to a named judge, except cases involving McNeil Island prisoners; 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.

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

8. 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.

9. A. When civil or criminal actions involving a common question of law and fact (but not necessarily the same parties) 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

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to whom the first case was assigned, who shall make the determination as to whether the subsequent actions should be assigned to him.

B. Motions to consolidate civil or criminal actions for trial, or otherwise, shall be heard by the judge to whom the case bearing the earliest filing date has been assigned, and in the event consolidation is ordered, the consolidated cases shall be heard by said judge.

10. The Clerk shall refer any matter or proceeding not provided for under this division of business order to Judge Boldt for assignment or disposition.

11. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, each of the judges of this court shall have and perform any and all of 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.

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

13. This order shall be effective as of May 14, 1971, and remain in force until rescinded.

DATED this 28 day of May, 1971.

Honorable George H. Boldt
Chief United States District Judge

Honorable William T. Beeks
United States District Judge

Honorable William N. Goodwin
United States District Judge

Honorable Walter T. McGovern
United States District Judge

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