

GR 8. ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

(a) All actions, causes, and proceedings, civil and criminal, shall be assigned by the clerk to the respective judges of the court.

(b) A judge may transfer directly all or part of any case on the judge's docket to any consenting judge.

(c) Whenever a motion to recuse due to alleged bias or prejudice directed at a judge of this court is filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 144, the clerk shall refer it to the chief judge. If the motion is directed at the chief judge, the clerk shall refer it to the next senior active judge. Before a ruling is made on a motion to recuse any judge, the challenged judge will be afforded an opportunity to review the motion papers and decide whether to recuse voluntarily.

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