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Western District of Washington  
Northern Division

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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.

1 To Judge William T. Beeks:

2 1/3 of all criminal cases;

3 1/3 of all proceedings under Rules 7, 20 and  
4 40, F.R.Cr.P.;

5 45% of all civil cases, including bankruptcy  
6 reviews, Chapter X and XII Bankruptcy Act  
7 proceedings, but excluding habeas corpus  
8 petitions;

9 All civil cases where venue lies at Bellingham;

10 All claims for wages and effects of deceased  
11 and deserting seamen;

12 Responsibility for the call and qualification  
13 of petit jurors;

14 Unassigned ex parte matters.

15 To Judge William N. Goodwin:

16 1/3 of all criminal cases;

17 1/3 of all proceedings under Rules 7, 20 and  
18 40, F.R.Cr.P.;

19 25% of all civil cases, including bankruptcy  
20 reviews, Chapter X and XII Bankruptcy Act  
21 proceedings;

22 All habeas corpus petitions, whether or not  
23 addressed to a named judge;

24 Naturalization proceedings, including contested  
25 petitions.

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

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

32 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 <sup>and</sup> ~~or~~ fact are assigned to different judges and  
it appears to the clerk that there may be good reason to

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

4 7. As to any other matter or proceeding not provided  
5 for under this division of business order, the clerk shall  
6 refer the same to Judge Lindberg for assignment or disposi-  
7 tion.

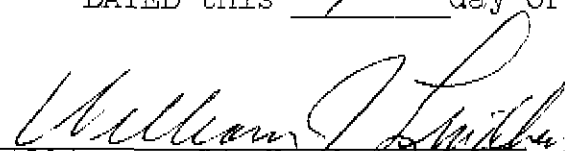
8 8. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, each of  
9 the judges of this court shall have and perform any and all  
10 of the authority and duty otherwise by law conferred upon  
11 him to hear, try, and dispose of any and all of the cases,  
12 matters and business of this court when he consents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


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

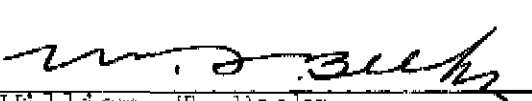
16 10. It is further provided that this order shall be  
17 reviewed whenever the business of the court or other circum-  
18 stances indicate the need for revision, such review to be  
19 considered at least once every two years in order that the  
20 business of the court may be equitably divided among the  
21 judges, and particularly with respect to the roving judge-  
22 ship.


23 The effective date of this order shall be January 1,  
24 1969.

25 DATED this 9th day of January, 1969.

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28 William J. Lindberg  
United States District Judge

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28 George H. Boidt  
United States District Judge

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31 William T. Boeks  
United States District Judge

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United States District Judge