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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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8 In the matter of

GENERAL ORDER

9 DIVISION OF COURT BUSINESS

10 Pursuant to the provisions of Title 28, United States Code,
11 Section 137, it is hereby agreed and ordered by the active judges
12 of this court that the division of this court's business among
13 said judges shall be as hereinafter stated:

14 1. As used herein:

15 A. Civil cases include bankruptcy appeals, habeas corpus
16 petitions, and contested miscellaneous matters, but
17 excludes Section 2255 motions and other similar cases
18 described in paragraph 8.

19 B. Criminal cases include appeals from Magistrate Judges
20 and all proceedings under Rules 7, 20 and 40 FRCrP.

21 2. All civil cases filed in this district shall be assigned
22 as follows:

23 -- All civil cases at Tacoma equally to the active
24 district judges.

25 -- All civil cases at Seattle equally to the active
26 district judges.

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3. All criminal cases filed in this district shall be
2 assigned as follows:

3 -- All criminal cases at Tacoma equally to the active
4 district judges.

5 -- All criminal cases at Seattle equally to the active
6 district judges.

7 4. All naturalization proceedings at Tacoma, including
8 contested petitions, shall be handled by Judge Robert J. Bryan.

9 5. Judge Robert S. Lasnik shall be responsible for the call
10 and discharge of grand juries, the return of indictments, and all
11 other matters related to the functions of the grand juries.

12 6. Judge Thomas S. Zilly shall be responsible for all
13 issues involving the jury selection process and the call and
14 qualification of petit jurors. Judge Robert J. Bryan shall be
15 responsible for the call and qualification of petit jurors and
16 the jury selection process in Tacoma.

17 7. Judge Marsha J. Pechman shall be responsible for all
18 naturalization proceedings at Seattle, including contested
19 petitions.

20 8. Judge Barbara Jacobs Rothstein shall be responsible for
21 all claims for wages and effects of deceased and deserting
22 seamen; and unassigned ex parte matters in Seattle. Judge
23 Franklin D. Burgess shall be responsible for all claims for wages
24 and effects of deceased and deserting seamen; and unassigned ex
25 parte matters in Tacoma.

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13. The assignment of all civil and criminal cases as above noted is made subject to such change or changes as may be established by the Chief Judge for the purposes of equalization of case assignments to all active Judges of the district

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

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

16. All conflicting orders concerning the division of this court's business heretofore entered are vacated by this order. This order shall be effective immediately and remain in force until rescinded

Dated this 15 day of October, 1999.


HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE