FILED IN THE 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON NOV 9 - 1981 3 BRUCE RIFKIN, Clerk By...... Deputy 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 In the matter of GENERAL ORDER 10 DIVISION OF COURT BUSINESS 11 Pursuant to the provisions of Title 28, United States L2 Code, Section 137, it is hereby agreed and ordered by the L3 undersigned active Judges of this Court that the division 14 of this Court's business among said Judges shall be as 15 hereinafter stated: 16 17 As used herein: A. Civil cases include bankruptcy appeals and 18 [Chapter-X;-XI-and-XII-bankruptey-proceedings;-if-any;] 19 habeas corpus petitions (fineluding-McNeil-Teland-Cases)) 20but excludes Section 2255 motions and other similar cases 21 described in paragraph 8. 22 B. Criminal cases include appeals from magistrates 23 and all proceedings under Rules 7, 20 and 40, FRCrP. 24 2. All civil cases filed in this district shall be 25 assigned as follows: 26 -- All civil cases filed at Tacoma to Judge 27 Jack E. Tanner. 28 -- All admiralty and non-jury maritime cases 29 filed at Seattle to Senior Judge William T. 30 Beeks. 31

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1 -- All other civil cases filed at Seattle equally to Judges Walter T. McGovern, Donald 2 S. Voorhees, Barbara J. Rothstein and John C. a Coughenour. All criminal cases filed in this district shall be assigned as follows: ß -- All criminal cases at Tacoma to Judge Jack E. 7 8 Tanner. 9 -- All criminal cases at Seattle equally to 10 Judges Walter T. McGovern, Donald S. Voorhees, Barbara J. Rothstein and John C. Coughenour. 11 4. All naturalization proceedings at Tacoma, in-12 cluding contested petitions, [and-all-MaNeil-Island-cases, 13 if-eny-] shall be handled by Judge Jack E. Tanner. 14 Senior Judge William J. Lindberg shall be 15 responsible for the call and discharge of grand juries, 16 the return of indictments, and all other matters related 17 to the functions of the grand juries which are not other-18 wise specifically assigned to Judge John C. Coughenour. 19 Judge Barbara J. Rothstein shall be responsible. 20 for the call and qualification of petit jurors. 21 Judge John C. Coughenour shall be responsible. 22 for all naturalization proceedings at Seattle, including 23 contested petitions. 24 8. Judge Donald S. Voorhees shall be responsible 25 for all claims for wages and effects of deceased and 26 deserting seamen; and unassigned ex parte matters. 27 Individual petitions for admission to the bar 28 of this Court may be heard by any Judge or Magistrate 29 of this Court. Group admissions pursuant to local rule 30 shall be held at times fixed by the Clerk. 31 32 GENERAL ORDER Page -2-

10. Proceedings under Section 2255, Title 28, United 1 States Code, shall be assigned to and handled by the Judge 2 who imposed the sentence involved. я 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 a dispose of the matter requiring immediate attention, but 7 such action shall not constitute reassignment of the case or proceeding. 9 12. A. When civil or criminal actions involving a 10 common question of law and fact (but not necessarily the 11 same parties) are assigned to different Judges and it 12 appears to any Judge of this Court that there may be good 18 reason to assign all of said actions to one Judge, such 14 may be assigned to the Judge to whom the case bearing the 15 earliest filing date was assigned, at his option. 16 A. Motions to consolidate civil or criminal 17 actions for trial, or otherwise, shall be heard by the 18 Judge to whom the case bearing the earliest filing date 19 has been assigned, and in the event consolidation is 20 ordered, the consolidated cases shall be heard by said 21 Judge. 22 The reassignment of a case necessitated by the 23 disqualification of a Judge shall be to the Judge to whom 24 the next case filed would have been assigned; that Judge 25 shall then reassign one of his generally equally weighted 26 cases to the disqualified Judge. 27 14. The assignment of all civil and criminal cases 28 as above noted is made subject to such change or changes as 29 may be established by the Chief Judge for purposes of 30 equalization of case assignments to all active Judges of 31 the district. 82 GENERAL ORDER Page -3-

1 The Clark shall refer any matter or proceeding not provided for under this division of business order to 2 the Chief Judge for assignment or disposition. 3 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, each of the Judges of this Court shall have and perform any 5 and all acts of authority and duty otherwise by law conн ferred upon him or her to hear, try and dispose of any 7 and all of the cases, matters and business of this Court 8 when he or she consents to do so. 9 All conflicting orders concerning the division 10 of this Court's business heretofore entered are vacated 11 by this order. This order shall be effective immediately 12 and remain in force until rescinded. 13 Brember, 1981. DATED this And day of 14 16 16 Honorable Walter T. McGovern Chief United States District Judge 17 18 19 Honorable Donald 5. United States District Judge 20 21 سيعهبه 22 Honorable Jack E. Tanner United States District Judge 23 24 cuttein 25 Honorable Batbara J. Rothstein United States District Judge 28 27 28 able John C. Coughenour United States District Judge 29 30 91

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