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Western District of Washington

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CHARLES A. SCHAAF, Clerk

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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 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

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

7 C. Judge Walter T. McGovern shall handle all
8 habeas corpus petitions and other cases in which part of
9 the relief sought is release from prison or similar relief,
10 filed in this district, whether or not addressed to a named
11 judge, except cases involving McNeil Island prisoners; and
12 all naturalization proceedings at Seattle, including
13 contested petitions, it being understood that all matters
14 referred to in this paragraph are, and for many years have
15 been, the responsibility of the judge who is junior in
16 seniority.

17 D. Judge William T. Beeks shall be responsible
18 for the call and qualification of petit jurors; all claims
19 for wages and effects of deceased and deserting seamen;
20 and unassigned ex parte matters.

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

24 8. If immediate action is necessary in any case or
25 proceeding assigned to a particular judge and that judge is
26 unavailable for any reason, any other judge may hear and
27 dispose of the matter requiring immediate attention, but
28 such action shall not constitute reassignment of the case
29 or proceeding.

30 9. A. When civil or criminal actions involving a
31 common question of law and fact (but not necessarily the
32 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

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

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

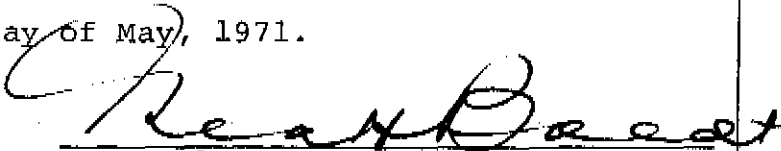
10 10. The Clerk shall refer any matter or proceeding
11 not provided for under this division of business order to
12 Judge Boldt for assignment or disposition.

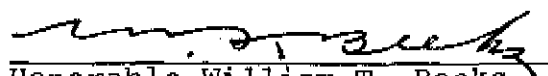
13 11. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, each
14 of the judges of this court shall have and perform any
15 and all of authority and duty otherwise by law conferred
16 upon him to hear, try and dispose of any and all of the
17 cases, matters and business of this court when he consents
18 to do so.

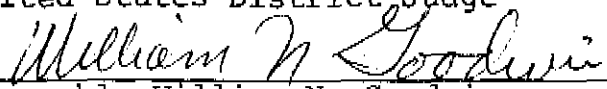
19 12. All conflicting orders concerning the division
20 of the court's business heretofore entered are vacated
21 by this order.

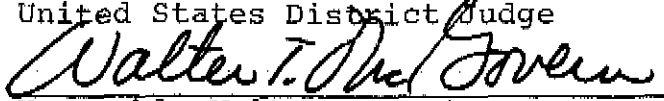
22 13. This order shall be effective as of May 14,
23 1971, and remain in force until rescinded.

24 DATED this 28 day of May, 1971.

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26 
27 Honorable George H. Boldt
28 Chief United States District Judge

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30 Honorable William T. Beeks
31 United States District Judge

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Honorable William N. Goodwin
United States District Judge


Honorable Walter T. McGovern
United States District Judge