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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In the matter of _____)
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DIVISION OF COURT BUSINESS)
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GENERAL ORDER

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

B. Criminal cases include appeals from magistrates and all proceedings under Rules 7, 20 and 40, FRCP.

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

-- All civil cases filed at Tacoma equally to Judge Jack E. Tanner and Judge Robert J. Bryan.

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-- All other civil cases filed at Seattle equally to Judges Walter T. McGovern, Donald S. Voorhees, Barbara J. Rothstein, John C. Coughenour, and Carolyn R. Dimmick.

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

-- All criminal cases at Tacoma equally to Judge Jack E. Tanner and Judge Robert J. Bryan.

-- All criminal cases at Seattle equally to Judges Walter T. McGovern, Donald S. Voorhees, Barbara J. Rothstein, John C. Coughenour, and Carolyn R. Dimmick.

4. All naturalization proceedings at Tacoma, including contested petitions, shall be handled by Judge Jack E. Tanner.

5. Judge John C. Coughenour shall be responsible for the call and discharge of grand juries, the return of indictments, and all other matters related to the functions of the grand juries.

6. Judge Carolyn R. Dimmick shall be responsible for the call and qualification of petit jurors in Seattle. Judge Jack E. Tanner shall be responsible for the call and qualification of petit jurors in Tacoma.

7. Judge Barbara J. Rothstein shall be responsible for all issues involving the jury selection process in Seattle. Judge Robert J. Bryan shall be responsible for all issues involving the jury selection process in Tacoma.

8. Judge John C. Coughenour shall be responsible for all

1 naturalization proceedings at Seattle, including contested
2 petitions.

3 9. Judge Donald S. Voorhees shall be responsible for all
4 claims for wages and effects of deceased and deserting seamen; and
5 unassigned ex parte matters in Seattle. Judge Robert J. Bryan
6 shall be responsible for all claims for wages and effects of
7 deceased and deserting seamen; and unassigned ex parte matters in
8 Tacoma.

9 10. Individual petitions for admission to the bar of this
10 Court may be heard by any Judge or Magistrate of this Court.
11 Group admissions pursuant to local rule shall be held at times
12 fixed by the Clerk.

13 11. Proceedings under Section 2255, Title 28, United States
14 Code, shall be assigned to and handled by the Judge who imposed
15 the sentence involved.

16 12. If immediate action is necessary in any case or
17 proceeding assigned to a particular Judge and that Judge is
18 unavailable for any reason, any other Judge may hear and dispose
19 of the matter requiring immediate attention, but such action shall
20 not constitute reassignment of the case or proceeding.

21 13. A. When civil or criminal actions involving a common
22 question of law and fact (but not necessarily the same parties)
23 are assigned to different Judges and it appears to any Judge of
24 this Court that there may be good reason to assign all of said
25 actions to one Judge, such may be assigned to the Judge to whom
26 the case bearing the earliest filing date was assigned, at his
option.

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

6 14. The reassignment of a case necessitated by the
7 disqualification of a Judge shall be to the Judge to whom the next
8 case filed would have been assigned; the Judge who has
9 disqualified himself/herself shall be assigned an additional case
10 the next time his/her name is reached in the assignment wheel.

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

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

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

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1 18. All conflicting orders concerning the division of this
2 Court's business heretofore entered are vacated by this order.
3 This order shall be effective immediately and remain in force
4 until rescinded.

5 Dated this 9th day of June, 1986.

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7 Walter T. McGovern

8 Honorable Walter T. McGovern
9 Chief United States District Judge

10 Donald S. Voorhees

11 Honorable Donald S. Voorhees
12 United States District Judge

13 Jack E. Tanner

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25 Robert J. Bryan

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