

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LA.
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IN RE:

GENERAL ORDER
NUMBER 93-2

ASSIGNMENT OF CASES FILED IN
THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In order to assure random assignment of cases to the fullest extent practicable, General Order Number 92-1 and 92-2 are hereby amended as follows:

The Clerk of Court will assign cases using the Automated Case Assignment System.

1. There shall be a separate section described as a "card deck" established within the system for each of the categories set forth below in assigning a District Judge, and their composition shall be as follows:

- **Habeas/Prisoner/Title 28** - Habeas Corpus, Prisoner and other post-conviction petitions, state and federal;
Title 28, USC, Section 25; and Bond Forfeiture

Total Cards	50
Chief Judge Parker	24
Judge Polozola:	36

- **Civil Rights/TRO/Injunction** - Civil Rights cases, excluding prisoner petitions; cases requiring immediate action, such as TROs, injunctions, orders to show cause, etc.

Total Cards	30
Chief Judge Parker	12
Judge Polozola	18

- **Antitrust** -

Total Cards	30
Chief Judge Parker	12
Judge Polozola	18

- **Patent/Trademark/Copyright** -

Total Cards	30
Chief Judge Parker	12
Judge Polozola	18

-Criminal Cases -

Total Cards	30
Chief Judge Parker	12
Judge Polozola	18

-All Other Cases -

Total Cards	50
Chief Judge Parker	24
Judge Polozola	36

2. The categories and composition of the card decks for the assignment of a Magistrate Judge shall be as follows:

-Habeas/Prisoner/Title 28 - same criteria as described above.

Total Cards	60
Magistrate Judge Riedlinger	30
Magistrate Judge Noland	30

-Social Security - Social Security cases, NOS 861-865

Total Cards	60
Magistrate Judge Riedlinger	30
Magistrate Judge Noland	30

-Criminal Cases -

Total Cards	60
Magistrate Judge Riedlinger	30
Magistrate Judge Noland	30

-Magistrate Cases - Pre-Indictment actions; petty offenses

Total Cards	60
Magistrate Judge Riedlinger	30
Magistrate Judge Noland	30

-All Others -

Total Cards	60
Magistrate Judge Riedlinger	30
Magistrate Judge Noland	30

3. When the initial paper is presented and given the proper number, the clerk will select the menu option to randomly assign a District Judge from the appropriate District Judge card deck and a Magistrate Judge shall be assigned from the appropriate Magistrate Judge card deck. The clerk will stamp the initial paper with the District Judge section and Magistrate section. All subsequent papers filed in the action will bear the case number assigned and the section assigned.
4. The Automated Case Assignment System will automatically regenerate the appropriate number of cards when the deck is depleted.

5. Credit shall be given to the Judge to whom a case is assigned outside these procedures.

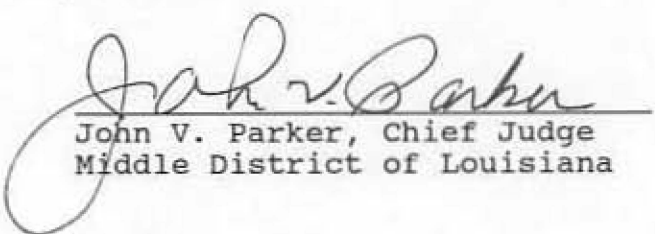
When a Judge of the Court disqualifies himself in a pending case, the Clerk will select the reassignment option. The system will automatically replace the card of the REASSIGNED FROM Judge.

When a Judge of the Court is automatically disqualified in a case at the time it is filed, a random assignment will nevertheless be made for that case. In the event, the random drawing assigns the case to the Judge who is disqualified, the Clerk shall use the system reassignment option.

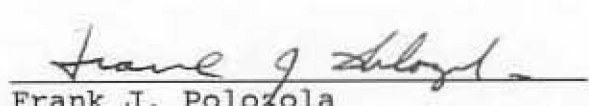
6. Except for the authority of the Chief Judge, cases may be transferred from one section to another only upon the concurrence of the transferor and the transferee Judges.
7. All Orders or General Orders to the contrary are hereby vacated and set aside.

SO ORDERED.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 19, 1993.



John V. Parker, Chief Judge
Middle District of Louisiana



Frank J. Polozola
United States District Judge