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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

Standing Order – SO 1.61

Standing Order SO 1.61 is amended to read as follows:

SO 1.61 Assignment of Cases to District and Magistrate Judges.

ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Civil Cases: Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty.....20% Judge Dee D. Drell.....30% Judge Jerry Edwards, Jr.50%	Civil Cases: Judge Joseph Perez-Montes100%
Criminal Cases: Judge Dee D. Drell.....30% Judge Jerry Edwards, Jr.70%	Criminal Cases: Judge Joseph Perez-Montes100%
Social Security Cases: Judge Dee D. Drell.....100%	Social Security Cases: Judge Joseph Perez-Montes100%

LAFAYETTE DIVISION

Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Civil Cases: Judge Robert R. Summerhays40% Judge David C. Joseph40% Judge James D. Cain10% Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.....10%	Civil Cases: Judge David J. Ayo50% Judge Carol B. Whitehurst50%
Criminal Cases: Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.....10% Judge Robert R. Summerhays40% Judge David C. Joseph50%	Criminal Cases: Judge David J. Ayo50% Judge Carol B. Whitehurst50%
Social Security Cases: Judge Robert R. Summerhays50% Judge Dee D. Drell.....25% Judge Alexander C. Van Hook25%	Social Security Cases: Judge David J. Ayo50% Judge Carol B. Whitehurst50%

LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Civil Cases: Judge James D. Cain90% Judge David C. Joseph10%	Civil Cases: Judge Thomas P. LeBlanc.....100%
Criminal Cases: Judge James D. Cain100%	Criminal Cases: Judge Thomas P. LeBlanc.....100%
Social Security Cases: Judge James D. Cain100%	Social Security Cases: Judge Thomas P. LeBlanc.....100%

MONROE DIVISION

Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Civil Cases: Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty70% Judge Jerry Edwards, Jr.30%	Civil Cases: Judge Kayla D. McClusky100%
Criminal Cases: Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty90% Judge David C. Joseph10%	Criminal Cases: Judge Kayla D. McClusky100%

SHREVEPORT DIVISION

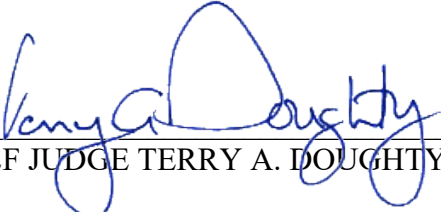
Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Civil Cases: Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.....50% Judge Alexander C. Van Hook50%	Civil Cases: Judge Mark L. Hornsby.....75% Judge Kayla D. McClusky25%
Criminal Cases: Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.....60% Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty20% Judge Jerry Edwards, Jr.20%	Criminal Cases: Judge Mark L. Hornsby.....100%
Prisoner (Non-Habeas): Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.....50% Judge Alexander C. Van Hook50%	Prisoner (Non-Habeas): Judge Mark L. Hornsby.....75% Judge Kayla D. McClusky25%
Habeas Cases: Judge Donald E. Walter100%	Habeas Cases: Judge Mark L. Hornsby.....50% Judge Joseph Perez-Montes50%
Social Security Cases: Judge Donald E. Walter100%	Social Security Cases: Judge Mark L. Hornsby.....75% Judge Kayla D. McClusky25%

ALL DIVISIONS
(Immigration Habeas Cases)

Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Equal Split: Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty Judge James D. Cain Judge Jerry Edwards, Jr. Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr. Judge David C. Joseph Judge Robert R. Summerhays Judge Alexander C. Van Hook	Equal Split: Judge David J. Ayo Judge Mark L. Hornsby Judge Thomas P. LeBlanc Judge Kayla D. McClusky Judge Joseph Perez-Montes Judge Carol B. Whitehurst

SO 1.61 is effective January 28, 2026.

Monroe, Louisiana on this the 28th day of January 2026.



CHIEF JUDGE TERRY A. DOUGHTY