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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. Summerhays 40% Judge David C. Joseph 40% Judge James D. Cain 10% Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr. 10%	Civil Cases: Judge David J. Ayo 50% Judge Carol B. Whitehurst 50%
Criminal Cases: Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr. 10% Judge Robert R. Summerhays 40% Judge David C. Joseph 50%	Criminal Cases: Judge David J. Ayo 50% Judge Carol B. Whitehurst 50%
Social Security Cases: Judge Robert R. Summerhays 50% Judge Dee D. Drell 25% Judge Alexander C. Van Hook 25%	Social Security Cases: Judge David J. Ayo 50% Judge Carol B. Whitehurst 50%

LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Civil Cases: Judge James D. Cain 90% Judge David C. Joseph 10%	Civil Cases: Judge Thomas P. LeBlanc 100%
Criminal Cases: Judge James D. Cain 100%	Criminal Cases: Judge Thomas P. LeBlanc 100%
Social Security Cases: Judge James D. Cain 100%	Social Security Cases: Judge Thomas P. LeBlanc 100%

MONROE DIVISION

Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Civil Cases: Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty.....70% Judge Jerry Edwards, Jr.30%	Civil Cases: Judge Kayla D. McClusky100%
Criminal Cases: Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty.....90% Judge David C. Joseph10%	Criminal Cases: Judge Kayla D. McClusky100%

SHREVEPORT DIVISION

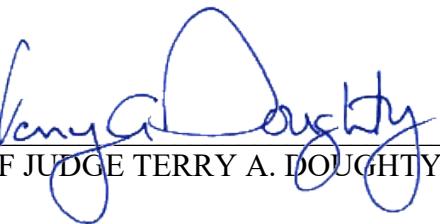
Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Civil Cases: Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.....50% Judge Alexander C. Van Hook50%	Civil Cases: Judge Mark L. Hornsby.....75% Judge Kayla D. McClusky25%
Criminal Cases: Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.....60% Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty.....20% Judge Jerry Edwards, 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