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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

DANIEL J. McCOY, CLERK



BY: _____

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:
<p>Civil Cases:</p> <p>Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty20%</p> <p>Judge Dee D. Drell30%</p> <p>Judge Jerry Edwards, Jr.50%</p>	<p>Civil Cases:</p> <p>Judge Joseph Perez-Montes100%</p>
<p>Criminal Cases:</p> <p>Judge Dee D. Drell30%</p> <p>Judge Jerry Edwards, Jr.70%</p>	<p>Criminal Cases:</p> <p>Judge Joseph Perez-Montes100%</p>
<p>Social Security Cases:</p> <p>Judge Dee D. Drell100%</p>	<p>Social Security Cases:</p> <p>Judge Joseph Perez-Montes100%</p>

LAFAYETTE DIVISION

Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Civil Cases:	Civil Cases:
Judge Robert R. Summerhays.....40%	Judge David J. Ayo50%
Judge David C. Joseph.....40%	Judge Carol B. Whitehurst.....50%
Judge James D. Cain10%	
Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.....10%	
Criminal Cases:	Criminal Cases:
Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.....10%	Judge David J. Ayo50%
Judge Robert R. Summerhays.....40%	Judge Carol B. Whitehurst.....50%
Judge David C. Joseph.....50%	
Social Security Cases:	Social Security Cases:
Judge Robert R. Summerhays50%	Judge David J. Ayo50%
Judge Dee D. Drell.....25%	Judge Carol B. Whitehurst.....50%
Judge Alexander C. Van Hook25%	

LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Civil Cases:	Civil Cases:
Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty.....10%	Judge Thomas P. LeBlanc.....90%
Judge James D. Cain80%	Judge Kayla D. McClusky10%
Judge David C. Joseph.....10%	
Criminal Cases:	Criminal Cases:
Judge James D. Cain100%	Judge Thomas P. LeBlanc.....100%
Social Security Cases:	Social Security Cases:
Judge James D. Cain100%	Judge Thomas P. LeBlanc.....100%

MONROE DIVISION

Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Civil Cases:	Civil Cases:
Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty.....70% Judge Jerry Edwards, Jr.30%	Judge Kayla D. McClusky100%
Criminal Cases:	Criminal Cases:
Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty.....90% Judge David C. Joseph.....10%	Judge Kayla D. McClusky100%

SHREVEPORT DIVISION

Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Civil Cases:	Civil Cases:
Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.....50% Judge Alexander C. Van Hook50%	Judge Mark L. Hornsby.....85% Judge Kayla D. McClusky15%
Criminal Cases:	Criminal Cases:
Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.....50% Judge Alexander C. Van Hook50%	Judge Mark L. Hornsby.....100%
Prisoner (Non-Habeas):	Prisoner (Non-Habeas):
Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.....50% Judge Alexander C. Van Hook50%	Judge Mark L. Hornsby.....75% Judge Kayla D. McClusky25%
Habeas Cases:	Habeas Cases:
Judge Donald E. Walter100%	Judge Mark L. Hornsby.....50% Judge Joseph Perez-Montes50%
Social Security Cases:	Social Security Cases:
Judge Donald E. Walter100%	Judge Mark L. Hornsby.....75% Judge Kayla D. McClusky25%

ALL DIVISIONS
(Immigration Habeas Cases)

Judge Assignment:	Magistrate Judge Assignment:
Equal Split:	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	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 April 14, 2026.

Monroe, Louisiana on this the 14th day of April 2026.



CHIEF JUDGE TERRY A. DOUGHTY