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

Standing Order – SO 1.62

Standing Order – SO 1.62 is amended to read as follows:

SO 1.62 Reassignments In The Event Of Recusal Of A Judge.

When a case is filed and is assigned by the Clerk and it is determined that in accordance with the recusal list of the judge to whom the case is assigned that such judge is to be recused from the case, the Clerk of Court shall reassign the case as follows:

Judge:	Reassign To:
Judge Donald E. Walter	Reassign any civil and criminal cases in a random manner to a judge from the originating division.
Judge Robert G. James	Reassign any civil and criminal cases in a random manner to a judge from the originating division.
Judge Dee D. Drell	Reassign any civil and criminal cases in a random manner to a judge from the originating division.
Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.	Reassign any civil and criminal cases in a random manner to a judge from the originating division.
Judge Elizabeth E. Foote	Reassign any civil and criminal cases in a random manner to a judge from the originating division.

Chief Judge Terry A. Doughty	Reassign any civil and criminal cases in a random manner to a judge from the originating division.
Judge Robert R. Summerhays	Reassign any civil and criminal cases in a random manner to a judge from the originating division.
Judge James D. Cain	Reassign any civil and criminal cases (except Lake Charles criminal, see below) in a random manner to a judge from the originating division. Directly reassign Lake Charles criminal cases to Judge Summerhays.
Judge David C. Joseph	Reassign any civil and criminal cases (except Alexandria criminal, see below) in a random manner to a judge from the originating division. Directly reassign Alexandria criminal cases to Judge Drell.
Judge Jerry Edwards, Jr.	Reassign any civil and criminal cases in a random manner to a judge from the originating division.
Judge Alexander C. Van Hook	Reassign any civil and criminal cases in a random manner to a judge from the originating division.
Magistrate Judge Mark L. Hornsby	Reassign to Magistrate Judge McClusky, or if she is recused to Magistrate Judge Perez-Montes.
Magistrate Judge Carol B. Whitehurst	Reassign to Magistrate Judge Ayo, or if he is recused to Magistrate Judge LeBlanc.

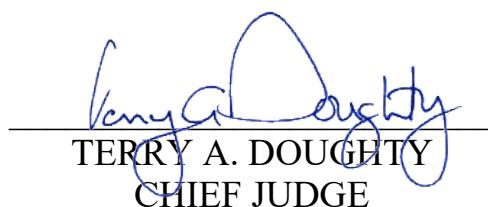
Magistrate Judge David J. Ayo	Reassign to Magistrate Judge Whitehurst, or if she is recused to Magistrate Judge LeBlanc.
Magistrate Judge Joseph Perez-Montes	Reassign to Magistrate Judge Hornsby, or if he is recused to Magistrate Judge McClusky.
Magistrate Judge Kayla D. McClusky	For Shreveport cases, reassign to Magistrate Judge Hornsby, or if he is recused to Magistrate Judge Perez-Montes. For all other cases, reassign to Magistrate Judge Perez-Montes, or if he is recused to Magistrate Judge Hornsby.
Magistrate Judge Thomas P. LeBlanc	Reassign in a random manner to one of the Magistrate Judges in the Lafayette Division.

In the event the judge to whom a case is to be reassigned is also recused in that matter, the matter shall be referred to the Chief Judge for reassignment. If a post-closing matter is filed and the judge to whom the case is assigned is no longer available, the Clerk is directed to randomly reassign the case and issue a minute entry advising of the new assignment.

Whenever a judge issues an order recusing himself or herself from a case, the case shall be referred to the Chief Judge for reassignment.

Effective January 28, 2026.

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


 TERRY A. DOUGHTY
 CHIEF JUDGE