

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2014-13**

**IN RE:           CASE ASSIGNMENT AND REASSIGNMENT OF CASES DUE TO  
                  RECUSALS**

By unanimous agreement of the Judges of this Court and pursuant to Local Rule 40.1(a) and LCrR 50.1(a), all cases filed as of this date shall be assigned, or reassigned due to recusal, as follows:

**CIVIL CASE ASSIGNMENTS AND RECUSALS**

Civil case assignments other than cases in which a plaintiff seeks review, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) of a decision by the Commissioner of Social Security, shall be randomly drawn in the following percentages:

**LOUISVILLE CIVIL CASES**

Chief Judge McKinley = 10%  
District Judge Hale    = 33%  
Senior Judge Simpson = 16%  
Senior Judge Heyburn = 33%  
Senior Judge Russell  = 8%

Should District Judge Hale recuse in a case, the Clerk shall randomly reassign the case to another judge. Should any judge other than District Judge Hale recuse in a case, it shall be reassigned to District Judge Hale.

**BOWLING GREEN CIVIL CASES**

District Judge Stivers               = 100%

Should District Judge Stivers recuse in a case, it shall be reassigned to District Judge Hale.

**OWENSBORO CIVIL CASES**

Chief Judge McKinley = 100%

Should Chief Judge McKinley recuse in a case, it shall be reassigned to District Judge Hale.

**PADUCAH CIVIL CASES**

District Judge Stivers   = 20%  
Senior Judge Russell    = 80%

Should either Senior Judge Russell or District Judge Stivers recuse in a case, it shall be reassigned to District Judge Hale.

**CRIMINAL CASE ASSIGNMENTS AND RECUSALS**

Criminal case assignments shall be randomly drawn in the following percentages:

**LOUISVILLE CRIMINAL CASES**

Chief Judge McKinley = 10%  
District Judge Hale = 32%  
Senior Judge Simpson = 16%  
Senior Judge Heyburn = 32%  
Senior Judge Russell = 10%

Should District Judge Hale recuse in a case, it shall be reassigned to Chief Judge McKinley, District Judge Stivers, or Senior Judge Russell on an alternating basis. Should any judge other than District Judge Hale recuse in a case, the Clerk shall randomly reassign the case to another judge.

**BOWLING GREEN CRIMINAL CASES**

District Judge Stivers = 100%

Should District Judge Stivers recuse in a case, it shall be reassigned to Chief Judge McKinley.

**OWENSBORO CRIMINAL CASES**

Chief Judge McKinley = 100%

Should Chief Judge McKinley recuse in a case, it shall be reassigned to District Judge Stivers.

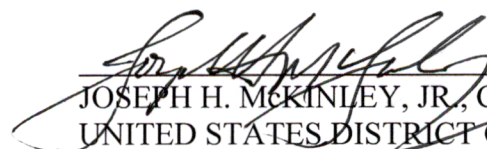
**PADUCAH CRIMINAL CASES**

Senior Judge Russell = 100%

Should Senior Judge Russell recuse in a case, it shall be reassigned to District Judge Stivers.

Should the recusal process outlined in this Order be exhausted, the Chief Judge will determine reassignment. This General Order supersedes and vacates General Orders 2006-4, 2013-04, and 2013-05.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.

  
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JOSEPH H. MCKINLEY, JR., CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

**ENTERED**

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VANESSA L. ARMSTRONG  
BY   
DEPUTY CLERK