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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**IN RE:** )  
**REASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL CASES** ) **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 138**  
**TO UNITED STATES DISTRICT** )  
**JUDGE KEVIN H. SHARP** )

**ORDER**

On May 3, 2011, Kevin H. Sharp was appointed as a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. An equitable distribution of the Court's docket among the District Judges requires the assignment of cases to Judge Sharp as provided herein.

1. Civil Cases

Beginning on June 1, 2011, Judge Sharp shall be placed in the draw for civil cases and also shall be assigned emergency motions, capital habeas corpus cases and miscellaneous cases in accordance with the Court's procedures for active District Judges.

a. Transfer of Cases

An appropriate distribution of the current civil caseload requires the transfer to Judge Sharp of three hundred sixty-one (361) civil cases as follows: one hundred one (101) cases from each active District Judge, seven (7) cases from Senior District Judge Wiseman and fifty-one (51) cases from Senior District Judge Nixon. Beginning on June 1, 2011, each District Judge shall transfer the designated number of civil cases to Judge Sharp. All transfers shall be completed by June 30, 2011. A suggested form Order is attached.

b. Northeastern Division Cases

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 154 entered on January 21, 2009, Judge Sharp shall be assigned all new civil cases from the Northeastern Division and shall not be in the civil draw for the Columbia Division. The Clerk of Court shall adopt procedures to ensure that the active District Judges

draw civil cases in an equal amount based on the total number of civil cases filed in all three divisions of the Court.

2. Criminal Cases

Beginning on June 1, 2011, Judge Sharp shall be placed in the draw for criminal cases. Judge Sharp's proportional share of the criminal caseload is approximately one hundred and fifty (150) defendants. However, consistent with the prior practices of the Court for new judges, no criminal cases shall be transferred to Judge Sharp as part of the division of the docket at this time.

The Chief Judge may amend any of the above deadlines to accommodate the needs of the Court.

It is so ORDERED.



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Todd J. Campbell  
Chief United States District Judge

