

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

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IN RE: COLUMBIA DIVISION)
CIVIL CASE ASSIGNMENTS) Administrative Order No. 186

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee has three Divisions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 123(b): Nashville, Northeastern and Columbia. “Court for the Columbia Division shall be held at Columbia.” *Id.* at § 123(b)(3). In order to enhance the administration of the dockets for all three Divisions, the Court has determined that it should assign all new civil cases in the Columbia Division to a single judge.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 137,¹ District Judge William J. Haynes, Jr. shall be assigned all new civil cases from the Columbia Division effective immediately.

The Clerk of Court shall adopt procedures to ensure that the active District Judges draw civil cases in equal amounts based on the total number of civil cases filed in all three Divisions of the Court.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(e), and the immediate need to amend Local Rule 40.01 on the Assignment of Civil Cases, Local Rule 40.01(a)(3) is hereby amended as follows:

(3) Columbia Division. Civil cases in the Columbia Division shall be assigned to one District Judge as designated by Administrative Order of the Court.

¹ 28 U.S.C. § 137 provides: “Division of business among district judges – The business of a court having more than one judge shall be divided among the judges as provided by the rules and orders of the court. The chief judge of the district court shall be responsible for the observance of such rules and orders, and shall divide the business and assign the cases so far as such rules and orders do not otherwise prescribe.”

The foregoing Amendment to Local Rule 40.01(a)(3) is effective immediately. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(e), the Clerk of Court shall promptly afford notice and opportunity for comment. The Clerk of Court shall also provide Local Rule 40.01(a)(3), as amended, to the Judicial Council of the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the Administrative Office of the Courts and make it available to the public on the Court's website.

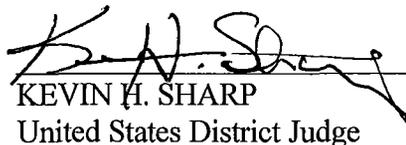
Nothing in this Administrative Order supersedes the following Administrative Orders: Administrative Order No. 158-1 (Capital Habeas Corpus Petitions and Related Cases), Administrative Order No. 175 (Assignment of Certain Civil Cases), Administrative Order No. 176 (Reassignment of Related Civil Cases), or Administrative Order No. 177 (Emergency Motions for Temporary Restraining Orders). This Administrative Order supersedes Administrative Order No. 99 (Division of Business of the Court) to the extent applicable and does not apply to criminal cases.

This Order shall take effect upon entry by the Court.

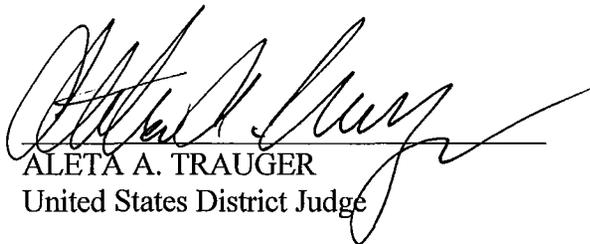
It is so ORDERED.



TODD J. CAMPBELL
Chief United States District Judge



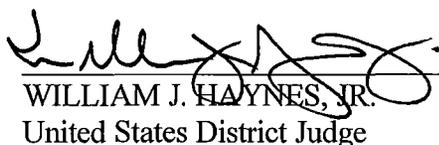
KEVIN H. SHARP
United States District Judge



ALETA A. TRAUGER
United States District Judge



THOMAS A. WISEMAN, JR.
Senior United States District Judge



WILLIAM J. HAYNES, JR.
United States District Judge



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Senior United States District Judge