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**GENERAL ORDER RE DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENTS  
AND APPORTIONMENT OF CASES AMONG  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES**

DAVID J. MALAND, CLERK

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It is **ORDERED** that matters referred and assigned to United States Magistrate Judges in this district shall be directed and apportioned as follows:

**I. Division Assignments**

<u>Division</u>	<u>Magistrate Judge</u>
Beaumont	Hon. Earl S. Hines Hon. Wendell C. Radford
Lufkin	Hon. Earl S. Hines (Civil) Hon. Judith K. Guthrie (Criminal) Hon. Harry W. McKee (Criminal) Hon. Wendell C. Radford (Civil)
Marshall	Hon. Judith K. Guthrie (Criminal) Hon. Harry W. McKee (Criminal) Hon. Robert W. Faulkner (Civil)
Paris, Sherman & Texarkana	Hon. Robert W. Faulkner
Tyler	Hon. Judith K. Guthrie Hon. Harry W. McKee

**II. Apportionment**

In divisions served by more than one magistrate judge, matters referred and assigned to magistrate judges shall be apportioned as follows:

**A. Civil Cases:**

Prisoner suits shall be referred at the time of filing equally among magistrate judges with concurrent civil case responsibilities. Prisoner suits shall automatically be assigned to the magistrate judge to whom the case originally was referred when parties consent to trial and entry of judgment by a magistrate judge.

All other civil matters shall be referred or assigned randomly unless a specific order of the court directs otherwise.

**B. Criminal Cases:**

1. Magistrate judges shall rotate responsibilities for handling unscheduled matters and cases processed through the Central Violations Bureau (CVB) so that each has equal duty time.

2. Except when governed by General Orders 92-10 and 92-15:

a. Class A misdemeanor cases shall be assigned randomly to a magistrate judge when the case is filed.

b. Class B and Class C misdemeanors, and infractions, except CVB cases, shall be assigned to the duty magistrate judge at the time of defendant's first appearance in this district.

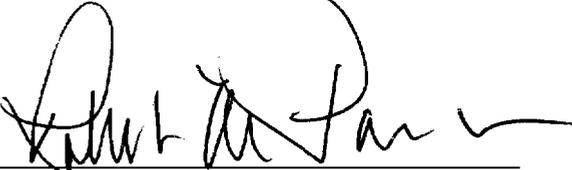
**III. Miscellaneous**

A. Assignment of additional duties to magistrate judges will be made as deemed appropriate.

B. Transfers between magistrate judges to equalize dockets and for other appropriate reasons shall be entered from time to time upon concurrence of the transferee judge.

C. This order is effective November 3, 1993 and supersedes all prior general orders governing divisional assignments and allocation of duties of magistrate judges. Individual district judges' ad hoc and standing orders governing specific referrals and assignments of cases to magistrate judges are unaffected by this order.

FOR THE COURT this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 1993.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Parker", written over a horizontal line.

Robert M. Parker  
Chief Judge