

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 15-07**

ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

IT IS ORDERED that the Administrative Order 14-08 dated December 2, 2014 is vacated as of the effective date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Each judge listed below serves the counties designated:

Judge	County	Place Holding Court
Honorable Janet S. Baer	Cook	Chicago
Honorable Timothy A. Barnes	Cook	Chicago
Honorable Bruce W. Black	Cook Grundy Kendall LaSalle Will	Chicago Joliet
Honorable Donald R. Cassling	Cook DuPage Kane	Chicago Geneva
Honorable Jacqueline P. Cox	Cook	Chicago
Honorable Carol A. Doyle	Cook	Chicago
Honorable A. Benjamin Goldgar	Cook Lake	Chicago Round Lake Beach
Honorable Pamela S. Hollis	Cook	Chicago
Honorable Jack B. Schmetterer	Cook	Chicago
Honorable Deborah L. Thorne	Cook	Chicago

2. **Chapter 7 Cases**

- A. Cases filed under Chapter 7 of Title 11 shall be assigned to the calendar of the judge designated to serve the county of domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity, except when the county is Cook County.
- B. Cases filed under Chapter 7 in which the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity is in Cook County shall be randomly assigned with the ratio of Cook County assignments adjusted by the clerk, on a monthly basis, in order to achieve approximately equal Chapter 7 case assignments among judges of the Eastern Division, except for Chief Judge Bruce W. Black.
- C. If a case is filed under Chapter 11 and is converted to Chapter 7, and the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the debtor is in a county other than Cook County, the clerk will assign a trustee from the county in which the debtor has its domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets, and the case will be reassigned to the judge who hears cases in that county, unless the judge originally assigned the case orders that it remain with that judge.

3. **Chapter 11 Cases**

Cases filed under the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 11, regardless of the county in the Eastern Division of the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity, shall be randomly assigned by the use of the Computer Assignment System, except that no Chapter 11 cases shall be assigned to Chief Judge Bruce W. Black.

4. **Chapter 12 Cases**

- A. Cases filed under the provisions of Chapter 12 of Title 11 shall be assigned to the calendar of the judge designated to serve the county of domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity, except when the county is Cook County.
- B. Cases filed under Chapter 12 in which the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity is in Cook County shall be assigned by the use of the Computer Assignment System to each judge in the Eastern Division, except for Chief Judge Bruce W. Black

5. **Chapter 13 Cases**

- A. Cases filed under the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 11 shall be assigned to the calendar of the judge designated to serve the county of domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity, except when the county is Cook County.
- B. Cases filed under Chapter 13 in which the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity is in Cook County shall be randomly assigned to all regularly appointed judges other than the chief judge and the judge assigned to hear cases in Geneva, with the ratio of Cook County assignments adjusted by the clerk, on a monthly basis, in order to achieve approximately equal Chapter 13 case assignments among all the judges hearing Chapter 13 cases.

6. **Related Cases**

If a case is related, as defined by Local Bankruptcy Rule 1015-1, to a case previously pending under Chapter 11 or any presently pending case, it shall be assigned to the judge of the previously assigned case.

7. **Reopened Cases**

- A. Reopened cases shall be assigned to the judge designated to serve the county of the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity, except when the county is Cook County.
- B. Reopened cases in which the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity is in Cook County shall be assigned to the judge previously assigned the case. If that judge is not sitting, the clerk will assign the case at random.

8. The clerk is authorized to modify the automated case assignment system to conform with the ratios and terms set forth in this order.

9. This Order shall be effective with the close of business on October 28, 2015.

Enter for the Court:



BRUCE W. BLACK
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: October 28, 2015