

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

**SIXTH REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
No. 17-02**

**ASSIGNMENT OF EASTERN DIVISION CASES**

**IT IS ORDERED** that all previous versions of Administrative Order 17-02 are vacated as of the effective date of this order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

1. Each judge listed below hears cases and proceedings from the counties designated:

<b>Judge</b>	<b>County</b>
Judge Baer	Cook DuPage Kane
Judge Barnes	Cook
Judge Cassling	Cook
Judge Cleary	Cook
Judge Cox	Cook
Judge Goldgar	Cook Lake
Judge Thorne	Cook Grundy Kendall LaSalle Will

**2. Chapter 7 Cases**

- A. Cases filed under Chapter 7 will be assigned to the judge designated to hear cases from the county of the debtor's domicile, residence, or principal place of business, or the county where the debtor's principal assets are located, except when the county is Cook County.
- B. Cases filed under Chapter 7 in which the debtor's domicile, residence, or principal place of business is Cook County, or the debtor's principal assets are in Cook County, will be randomly assigned to the judges in the Eastern Division.
- C. If a case is filed under Chapter 11 and converted to a case under Chapter 7, and the debtor's domicile, residence, or principal place of business is in a county other than Cook County, or the debtor's principal assets are in a county other than Cook County, the clerk will assign a trustee from the county in which the debtor has its domicile, residence, or principal place of business, or where the debtor's principal assets are located, and the case will be reassigned to the judge who hears cases from that county, unless the judge originally assigned the case orders that it remain with that judge.

**3. Chapter 11 Cases**

Cases filed under Chapter 11 will be randomly assigned regardless of the debtor's domicile, residence, principal place of business, or the location of the debtor's principal assets.

**4. Chapter 12 Cases**

- A. Cases filed under Chapter 12 will be assigned to the judge designated to hear cases from the county of the debtor's domicile, residence, or principal place of business, or the county where the debtor's principal assets are located, except when the county is Cook County.
- B. Cases filed under Chapter 12 in which the debtor's domicile, residence, or principal place of business is Cook County, or the debtor's principal assets are in Cook County, will be randomly assigned to the judges in the Eastern Division.

**5. Chapter 13 Cases**

- A. Cases filed under Chapter 13 will be assigned to the judge designated to hear cases from the county of the debtor's domicile, residence, or principal place of business, or the county where the debtor's principal assets are located, except when the county is Cook County.

- B. Cases filed under Chapter 13 in which the debtor's domicile, residence, or principal place of business is Cook County, or the debtor's principal assets are in Cook County, will be randomly assigned to the judges in the Eastern Division, other than (a) the judge assigned to hear cases from Kane and DuPage Counties and (b) the judge assigned to hear cases from Will, Grundy, Kendall, and LaSalle Counties.

6. **Chapter 15 Cases**

Cases filed under Chapter 15 will be randomly assigned regardless of the debtor's domicile, residence, principal place of business, or the location of the debtor's principal assets.

7. **Related Cases**

If a newly filed Chapter 11 case is related under Local Bankruptcy Rule 1015-1 to a previously or currently pending Chapter 11 case, the newly filed case will be assigned to the judge assigned to the previously or currently pending case.

8. **Reopened Cases**

A. Reopened cases will be assigned to the judge designated to hear cases from the county of the debtor's domicile, residence, or principal place of business, or the county where the debtor's principal assets are located, 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 will be assigned to the judge previously assigned the case. If that judge is no longer on the bench, the clerk will reassign the case randomly.

9. The clerk is authorized to modify the automated case assignment system to conform to the terms of this order.

10. This order is effective as of the close of business on June 16, 2023.

Dated: June 16, 2023

Entered for the Court:



A. Benjamin Goldgar  
Chief Judge