

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

GENERAL ORDER ASSIGNING CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ACTIONS

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 137 and the agreement of the judges affected hereby, it is ORDERED that, effective Friday, May 1, 1998, all civil and criminal actions which are filed shall be assigned to individual judges of this district in the proportions listed below:

<b>DISTRICT/MAGISTRATE JUDGE</b>	<b>CASELOAD</b>
CHIEF JUDGE RICHARD A. SCHELL	20% BEAUMONT + 40% SHERMAN CRIMINAL + 100% PARIS
JUDGE HOWELL COBB	25% BEAUMONT + 50% LUFKIN
JUDGE PAUL BROWN	100% SHERMAN CIVIL + 60% SHERMAN CRIMINAL
JUDGE JOHN HANNAH, JR.	33.33% TYLER CIVIL + 50% TYLER CRIMINAL + 50% LUFKIN
JUDGE J. THAD HEARTFIELD	25% BEAUMONT + 50% MARSHALL
JUDGE DAVID FOLSOM	100% TEXARKANA + 50% MARSHALL
SENIOR JUDGE JOE J. FISHER	30% BEAUMONT
SENIOR JUDGE WILLIAM M. STEGER	33.33% TYLER CIVIL + 50% TYLER CRIMINAL
MAGISTRATE JUDGE HARRY W. MCKEE	16.66% TYLER CIVIL
MAGISTRATE JUDGE JUDITH K. GUTHRIE	16.66% TYLER CIVIL

This order supersedes General Order 97-17 and all previous general orders assigning civil and criminal actions. It is further ORDERED that any cases reopened on or after May 1, 1998 shall be reopened to the docket of the judge to whom the case was assigned at the time of closing.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 1998.

FOR THE COURT:

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RICHARD A. SCHELL  
CHIEF JUDGE