

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

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**IN RE:** )  
 ) SO-25-04  
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**CONSOLIDATED ORDER DIRECTING** )  
**REASSIGNMENT** )  
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**STANDING ORDER**

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For clarity and efficiency purposes, prior Standing Orders SO-08-01, SO-11-05, SO-14-02, SO-14-03, SO-15-03, SO-15-05, SO-16-03, SO-18-02, SO-19-13, SO-19-17, SO-20-04, SO-20-05, SO-20-18, SO-21-02, SO-21-18, SO-22-02, SO-22-09, SO-22-14, SO-24-07, and SO-24-09 are hereby **RESCINDED** and consolidated in this Order. Accordingly, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 137, the following is hereby **ORDERED**:

**I. United States Attorney’s Office Certification for Criminal Cases Filed in the Southern and Winchester Divisions and Reassignment**

The United States Attorney’s Office (USAO) shall, for all new criminal cases filed in the Southern or Winchester Divisions of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee filed after entry of this Order until further ordered by the Court, certify to the Court whether the matter was pending in the USAO before December 21, 2020, as follows:

1. The USAO shall submit a certification with each new criminal case filed in the Court’s Southern or Winchester Divisions stating whether the matter was pending in the USAO before December 21, 2020.

2. The certification shall be filed with the case-initiating document (such as the complaint, indictment, information, etc.) in the Court's Electronic Case Filing System (CM/ECF).

3. If the certification states that the matter was not pending in the USAO before December 21, 2020, the case will be assigned randomly to a district judge in the criminal case rotation for the Southern and Winchester divisions.

4. If the certification states that the matter was pending on or before December 21, 2020, the case will be randomly assigned to either United States District Judge Travis R. McDonough or Senior United States District Judge Curtis L. Collier.

## **II. Reassignment of Cases Assigned to United States District Judge J. Ronnie Greer**

1. In the event that an application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is filed after entry of this Order in any closed criminal case currently assigned to Senior United States District Judge J. Ronnie Greer, the application for writ of habeas corpus will be **REASSIGNED** in accordance with the Court's civil case assignment procedures.

2. Any closed criminal case currently assigned to Senior United States District Judge J. Ronnie Greer in which, after entry of this Order, a motion for early termination of supervised release is filed, or in which the United States Probation Office seeks guidance or action related to any person under its supervision will be **REASSIGNED** to United States District Judge Clifton L. Corker.

3. Any criminal case currently assigned to Senior United States District Judge J. Ronnie Greer that is remanded by an appellate court after entry of this Order will be **REASSIGNED** to United States District Judge Clifton L. Corker.

4. Any closed civil case currently assigned to Senior United States District Judge J. Ronnie Greer in which, after entry of this Order, any motion is filed, is remanded by an appellate court, or for any reason is reopened will be **REASSIGNED** in accordance with the Court's civil case assignment procedures.

5. Any civil case that is deemed related to a case previously assigned to Senior United States District Judge J. Ronnie Greer pursuant to Local Rule 3.2 shall be **RANDOMLY ASSIGNED** to a District Judge in accordance with the Court's civil case assignment procedures.

### **III. Reassignment of Cases Assigned to United States District Judge R. Leon Jordan**

6. In the event that an application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is filed after entry of this Order in any closed criminal case currently assigned to United States District Judge R. Leon Jordan, the application for writ of habeas corpus will be **REASSIGNED** in accordance with the Court's civil case assignment procedures.

7. Any closed criminal case currently assigned to United States District Judge R. Leon Jordan that, after entry of this Order, is reopened for any reason, or in which, after entry of this Order, a motion for early termination of supervised release is filed, the United States Probation Office seeks guidance or action related to any person under its supervision, or any motion other than an application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is filed, will be **REASSIGNED** randomly to United States District Judges Thomas A. Varlan or Katherine A. Crytzer for cases pending in the Northern Division; to United States District Judge Travis R. McDonough for cases pending in the Southern and Winchester Divisions; and to United States District Judge Clifton L. Corker for cases pending in the Northeastern Division.

8. Any criminal case currently assigned to United States District Judge R. Leon Jordan that is remanded by an appellate court after entry of this Order will be **REASSIGNED**

randomly to United States District Judges Thomas A. Varlan or Katherine A. Crytzer for cases pending in the Northern Division; to United States District Judge Travis R. McDonough for cases pending in the Southern and Winchester Divisions; and to United States District Judge Clifton L. Corker for cases pending in the Northeastern Division.

9. Any closed civil case currently assigned to United States District Judge R. Leon Jordan in which, after entry of this Order, any motion is filed, is remanded by an appellate court, or for any reason is reopened will be **REASSIGNED** in accordance with the Court's civil case assignment procedures.

#### **IV. Reassignment of Cases Assigned to United States District Judges Thomas W. Phillips and Pamela L. Reeves**

1. In the event that an application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is filed after entry of this Order in any closed criminal case currently assigned to Senior United States District Judge Thomas W. Phillips or United States District Judge Pamela L. Reeves, the application for writ of habeas corpus will be **REASSIGNED** in accordance with the Court's civil case assignment procedures.

2. Any closed criminal case currently assigned to Senior United States District Judge Thomas W. Phillips or United States District Judge Pamela L. Reeves that, after entry of this Order, is reopened for any reason, or in which, after entry of this Order, a motion for early termination of supervised release is filed, the United States Probation Office seeks guidance or action related to any person under its supervision, or any motion other than an application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is filed, will be **REASSIGNED** to United States District Judge Katherine A. Crytzer.

3. Any criminal case currently assigned to Senior United States District Judge Thomas W. Phillips or United States District Judge Pamela L. Reeves that is remanded by an appellate court after entry of this Order will be **REASSIGNED** to United States District Judge Katherine A. Crytzer.

4. Any closed civil case currently assigned to Senior United States District Judge Thomas W. Phillips or United States District Judge Pamela L. Reeves in which, after entry of this Order, any motion is filed, is remanded by an appellate court, or for any reason is reopened will be **REASSIGNED** in accordance with the Court's civil case assignment procedures.

**V. Reassignment of Cases Assigned to United States District Judge Harry S. Mattice, Jr.**

1. In the event that an application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is filed after entry of this Order in any closed criminal case currently assigned to Retired United States District Judge Harry S. Mattice, the application for writ of habeas corpus will be **REASSIGNED** in accordance with the Court's civil case assignment procedures.

2. Any closed criminal case currently assigned to Retired United States District Judge Harry S. Mattice that, after entry of this Order, is reopened for any reason, or in which, after entry of this Order, a motion for early termination of supervised release is filed, the United States Probation Office seeks guidance or action related to any person under its supervision, or any motion other than an application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is filed, will be **REASSIGNED** to United States District Judge Travis R. McDonough.

3. Any criminal case currently assigned to Retired United States District Judge Harry S. Mattice that is remanded by an appellate court after entry of this Order will be **REASSIGNED** to United States District Judge Travis R. McDonough.

4. Any closed civil case currently assigned to Retired United States District Judge Harry S. Mattice in which, after entry of this Order, any motion is filed, is remanded by an appellate court, or for any reason is reopened will be **REASSIGNED** in accordance with the Court's civil case assignment procedures.

**VI. Reassignment of Cases Assigned to United States District Judge James Howard Jarvis II.**

1. In the event that an application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is filed after entry of this Order in any closed criminal case currently assigned to United States District Judge James Howard Jarvis II, the application for writ of habeas corpus will be **REASSIGNED** in accordance with the Court's civil case assignment procedures.

2. Any closed criminal case currently assigned to United States District Judge James Howard Jarvis II that, after entry of this Order, is reopened for any reason, or in which, after entry of this Order, a motion for early termination of supervised release is filed, the United States Probation Office seeks guidance or action related to any person under its supervision, or any motion other than an application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is filed, will be **REASSIGNED** to United States District Judge Thomas A. Varlan.

3. Any criminal case currently assigned to United States District Judge James Howard Jarvis II that is remanded by an appellate court after entry of this Order will be **REASSIGNED** to United States District Judge Thomas A. Varlan.

4. Any closed civil case currently assigned to United States District Judge James Howard Jarvis II in which, after entry of this Order, any motion is filed, is remanded by an appellate court, or for any reason is reopened will be **REASSIGNED** in accordance with the Court's civil case assignment procedures.

**VII. Reassignment of Cases Assigned to Senior United States District Judge R. Allan Edgar**

1. In the event that an application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is filed after entry of this Order in any closed criminal case currently assigned to Senior United States District Judge R. Allan Edgar, the application for writ of habeas corpus will be **REASSIGNED** in accordance with the Court's civil case assignment procedures.

2. Any closed criminal case currently assigned to Senior United States District Judge R. Allan Edgar that, after entry of this Order, is reopened for any reason, or in which, after entry of this Order, a motion for early termination of supervised release is filed, the United States Probation Office seeks guidance or action related to any person under its supervision, or any other motion other than an application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is filed, will be **REASSIGNED** to United States District Judge Travis R. McDonough.

3. Any criminal case currently assigned to Senior United States District Judge R. Allan Edgar that is remanded by an appellate court after entry of this Order will be **REASSIGNED** to United States District Judge Travis R. McDonough.

4. Any closed civil case currently assigned to Senior United States District Judge R. Allan Edgar in which, after entry of this Order, any motion is filed, is remanded by an appellate court, or for any reason is reopened will be **REASSIGNED** in accordance with the Court's civil case assignment procedures.

**VIII. Reassignment of Cases Assigned to United States Magistrate Judge Susan K. Lee**

Any closed case currently assigned to United States Magistrate Judge Susan K. Lee in which, after entry of this order, any motion is filed, is remanded by an appellate court, or for any

reason is reopened, will be **REASSIGNED** to United States Magistrate Judge Michael J. Dumitru for further proceedings.

**IX. Reassignment of Cases Assigned to United States Magistrate Judge H. Bruce Guyton**

Any closed case currently assigned to United States Magistrate Judge H. Bruce Guyton in which, after entry of this order, any motion is filed, is remanded by an appellate court, or for any reason is reopened, will be **REASSIGNED** to United States Magistrate Judge Jill E. McCook for further proceedings.

**X. Reassignment of Cases Assigned to United States Magistrate Judge Clifton L. Corker or to United States Magistrate Judge Dennis H. Inman**

Any closed case currently assigned to United States Magistrate Judge Clifton L. Corker or to United States Magistrate Judge Dennis H. Inman in which, after entry of this order, any motion is filed, is remanded by an appellate court, or for any reason is reopened, will be **REASSIGNED** to United States Magistrate Judge Cynthia Richardson Wyrick for further proceedings.

**XI. Reassignment of Cases Assigned to United States Magistrate Judge C. Clifford Shirley**


Any closed case currently assigned to United States Magistrate Judge C. Clifford Shirley in which, after entry of this order, any motion is filed, is remanded by an appellate court, or for any reason is reopened, will be **REASSIGNED** to United States Magistrate Judge Debra C. Poplin for further proceedings.



**XII. Reassignment of Cases Assigned to United States Magistrate Judge William B. Mitchell Carter**

Any closed case currently assigned to United States Magistrate Judge William B. Mitchell Carter in which, after entry of this order, any motion is filed, is remanded by an appellate court, or for any reason is reopened, will be **REASSIGNED** to United States Magistrate Judge Christopher H. Steger for further proceedings.

**SO ORDERED.**

  
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**TRAVIS R. MCDONOUGH**  
**CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**