



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of)
) GENERAL ORDER NO. 02-06
METHOD OF ALLOCATING)
CIVIL CASES IN THE)
EASTERN DIVISION OF)
THE CENTRAL DISTRICT)
OF CALIFORNIA)
_____)

WHEREAS, in order to bring about an equal distribution of civil and criminal cases, the Court will periodically review and modify the method of allocating cases among the Divisions, and

WHEREAS, it now appears necessary to modify the civil case assignment rules to keep the caseload per judge in the Eastern Division in relative proximity to the caseloads of judges in the Western and Southern Divisions of the Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that General Order 98-3 be amended as follows:

2. Assignment of Civil Cases to the Eastern Division

A. (i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) (B), a civil case shall be assigned to the Eastern Division if one of the following three venue components as described below are within the Eastern Division:

(a) the majority of all plaintiffs reside in the Eastern Division or in a place outside the remainder of the Central District of California with an equal number deemed to be an Eastern Division majority;

(b) the majority of all named defendants reside in the Eastern Division or in a place outside the remainder of the Central District of California with an equal number deemed to be an Eastern Division majority;

(c) the majority of all claims arose in the Eastern Division or in a place outside the remainder of the Central District of California with an equal number deemed to be an Eastern Division majority.

This General Order shall take effect April 1, 2002.

DATED: March 1, 2002