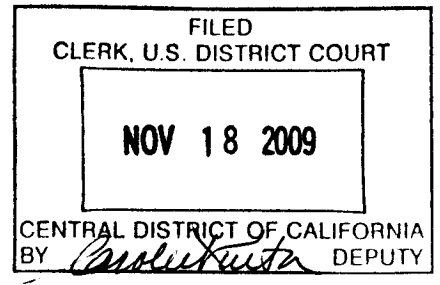


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA



In the Matter of )  
 ) GENERAL ORDER  
METHOD OF ALLOCATING REMOVAL ) NO. 09-08  
CASES IN THE EASTERN DIVISION OF )  
THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA )  
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WHEREAS, cases removed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441, heretofore referred to as removal cases, shall be assigned to the division embracing the place where such action is pending and shall be assigned from separate civil assignment wheels in each Division, and

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

WHEREAS, it now appears necessary to implement a procedure to keep the removal 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 the following shall govern the method of reallocating removal cases assigned to the Eastern Division.

1. In order to balance the number of removal cases assigned to the judicial officers of the Western, Southern and Eastern Divisions, there shall be a determined maximum number of removal cases assigned which are to remain in the Eastern Division for a given period. This predetermined number shall be adjusted as needed.

2. Once the predetermined number of removal cases has been assigned to the Eastern Division for the given period, all additional removal cases assigned to the Eastern Division during that period shall be randomly reassigned by the Clerk through a separate District-Wide Post-Removal Assignment Wheel which shall include all active district judges and senior district judges who so elect to be included.

This General Order shall take effect on September 24, 2009. The procedure established by this General Order shall be a pilot project, to be reviewed quarterly after the effective date of this General Order.