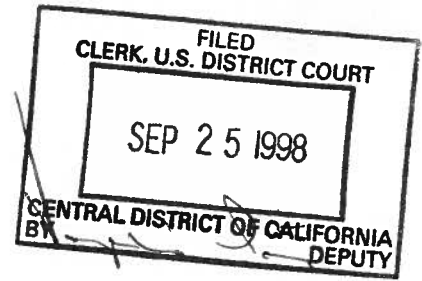


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA



IN RE:)
)
ASSIGNMENT OF CASES)
AND)
DUTIES TO JUDGES)
_____)

GENERAL ORDER NO. 98-4

(Amends General Order No. 224)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that General Order No. 224 be amended, as follows:

"5.4 ASSIGNMENT TO JUDGE WITH LOW NUMBER CASE

All pending civil cases which fall within the related case transfer criteria of Section 5.1 a-d, shall be assigned to the judge to whom the case with the low number has been previously assigned (i.e., the case first filed bearing the lowest case number). An order for transfer of a case subject to this provision shall be made and entered at the earliest practicable date following commencement of the case.

If the judge to whom the case with the low number declines the related case transfer due to senior judge status, he or she must relinquish the low number case and all related cases to the judge assigned to the related case bearing the next lowest case number. In this instance, the related case bearing the next lowest case number shall become the low number case for all subsequent related case transfers."