

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CRIMINAL CASES

General Order No. 2026-20

GENERAL ORDER

This general order is being entered pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 137 and Local Rule 40-1, providing for distribution of the court's business and caseload among the Judges in such manner as may be prescribed by order of the court. This Order supersedes General Order 2025-01 entered February 20, 2025.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the distribution of criminal cases will be as follows:

(a) In the Fort Wayne Division, criminal cases will be assigned to Chief Judge Holly A. Brady. All motions for reduction of sentence and compassionate release pursuant to Sections 404 and 603 of the First Step Act of 2018, respectively, as well as any supervised release revocation proceedings, arising from cases formerly assigned to Judge William C. Lee or Judge Theresa L. Springmann will be assigned to Chief Judge Brady.

(b) In the Hammond Division, Judge Philip P. Simon and Judge Gretchen S. Lund, will share in the random assignment of criminal cases with each taking a full share. No criminal cases will be assigned to Judges James T. Moody, Judge Theresa L. Springmann, and Judge Jon E. DeGuilio; furthermore, any supervised release revocation proceedings, motions for reduction of sentence or compassionate release, or filings arising from their Hammond criminal cases (and postdating this Order) will be randomly assigned to Judge Simon or Judge Lund.

(c) In the South Bend Division, criminal cases will be assigned to Judge Damon R. Leichty and Judge Cristal C. Brisco with Judge Leichty taking a full share and Judge Brisco taking a 90% share. Any motions for compassionate release pursuant to Sections 404 and 603 of the First Step

Act of 2018, respectively, as well as any supervised release revocation proceedings arising from cases formerly assigned to Judge Allen Sharp or Judge Robert L. Miller, Jr., will be assigned to Judge Leichty. All motions for reduction of sentence and compassionate release pursuant to Sections 404 and 603 of the First Step Act of 2018, respectively, as well as supervised release revocation proceedings that arise from cases assigned to Judge DeGuilio, will be assigned to Judge Brisco.

Criminal cases brought by way of indictment or information that are assigned to a District Judge, miscellaneous cases (except grand jury and wiretap cases), misdemeanor and petty offenses, criminal complaints, Rule 5 proceedings, search/tracking warrants, and post-judgment writs of garnishment, that are filed in or transferred to the Northern District of Indiana shall be assigned to a Magistrate Judge located in the division of the court in which the case is filed (or transferred) for the purpose of conducting all non-dispositive pretrial proceedings and to perform all duties authorized by the United States Code and any rule or order governing proceedings in this Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636; Fed. R. Crim P. 58, 59; N.D. Ind. L.R. 40-1 and 72-1; and General Orders 2007-2, 2007-5, and 2022-31. Related cases are to be handled according to N.D. Ind. L.R. 40-1 and N.D. Ind. L. Cr. R. 13-1.

SO ORDERED.

Dated this 18th day of September 2026.

/s/ Holly A. Brady
Holly A. Brady, Chief Judge

/s/ James T. Moody
James T. Moody, Judge

/s/ Philip P. Simon
Philip P. Simon, Judge

/s/ Theresa L. Springmann
Theresa L. Springmann, Judge

/s/ Jon E. DeGuilio
Jon E. DeGuilio, Judge

/s/ Damon R. Leichty
Damon R. Leichty, Judge

/s/ Cristal C. Brisco
Cristal C. Brisco, Judge

/s/ Gretchen S. Lund
Gretchen S. Lund, Judge