

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:

General Order #96-1

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General Order Regarding The
Assignment of Cases

ORDER

Whereas, a continuing need exists to provide for an orderly assignment of cases filed in this district,

NOW THEREFORE, this 13th day of May, 1996, this order regarding the assignment of cases shall supersede and replace General Order #95-1 dated November 20, 1995, and is effective immediately.

- 1) All cases filed in the Erie Division of the Court shall be assigned to Judge Bentz;
- 2) Cases filed in the Pittsburgh Division of the court will be promptly assigned on a random basis, except as otherwise noted, to all bankruptcy judges in the following manner:


A. **Judge Bentz:** Judge Bentz shall receive case assignments in Pittsburgh Division cases only for Chapter 7 cases, and only from the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Washington, and Westmoreland, hereinafter referred to as the "Pittsburgh counties".

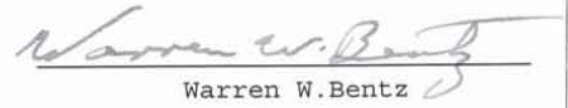
Judge Bentz shall be given credit for each case assigned to him in the Erie Division.

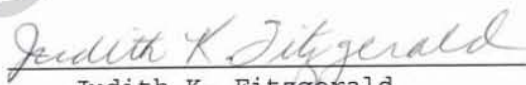
B. **Judge Markovitz:** Judge Markovitz: All Chapter 12 and 13 cases filed by debtors residing in the counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Indiana, Somerset, and Clearfield, hereinafter referred to as the "Johnstown counties", shall be assigned to Judge Markovitz.

In addition to case assignments for Chapter 7 and 11 from the Pittsburgh counties, Judge Markovitz shall also receive all case assignments for Chapter 7 and 11 from the Johnstown counties. Judge Markovitz shall be given credit for each case assigned to him from the Johnstown county cases so that the ratio of case assignments in the Pittsburgh Division shall be maintained for all judges.

- C. **Judge Fitzgerald** All Chapter 12 and Chapter 13 cases filed by debtors residing in the Pittsburgh counties shall be assigned to Judge Fitzgerald. In addition, Judge Fitzgerald will receive case assignments from the Pittsburgh counties for Chapter 11 cases.
- D. **Judge McCullough:** Judge McCullough shall receive case assignments in Pittsburgh Division cases only for Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 cases, and only from the Pittsburgh counties.
- E. The Clerk shall maintain a case assignment system that provides a distribution of bankruptcy cases as specified in this order. Judges Markovitz and McCullough shall receive 73 cases for every 54 Chapter 7 cases assigned to Judge Bentz in the Pittsburgh Counties. Judges Markovitz, Fitzgerald and McCullough shall be assigned an equal number of Chapter 11 cases in the Pittsburgh division.


Bernard Markovitz
Chief Bankruptcy Judge


Warren W. Bentz
Bankruptcy Judge


Judith K. Fitzgerald
Bankruptcy Judge


M. Bruce McCullough,
Bankruptcy Judge


Joseph L. Cosetti, Bankruptcy Judge