

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

IN RE:

General Order #2002-1

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) **General Order Regarding The**
) **Assignment of Cases**
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ORDER

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

NOW THEREFORE, this 8th day of January, 2002, this order regarding the assignment of cases shall supersede and replace General Order #97-2 dated March 31, 1997, and is effective immediately.

- 1) All cases filed in the Erie Division of the Court shall be assigned to Judge Bentz.
- 2) The Pittsburgh Division of the Court is comprised of the Johnstown Counties and the Pittsburgh Counties. The counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Indiana, Somerset and Clearfield constitute the Johnstown Counties. The counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland constitute the Pittsburgh Counties.
- 3) The Clerk shall maintain a case assignment system that provides a distribution of bankruptcy cases as specified in this order. 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. Judges Markovitz and McCullough shall be assigned an equal number of Chapter 7 cases filed by debtors in the Pittsburgh Counties.
 - B. Judges Markovitz, Fitzgerald, and McCullough shall be assigned an equal number of Chapter 11 cases filed by debtors in the Pittsburgh Division.

C. All Chapter 12 and Chapter 13 cases filed by debtors in the Pittsburgh Division shall be assigned to Judge Fitzgerald.

D. All Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 cases filed by debtors in the Johnstown Counties shall be assigned to Judge Markovitz, who shall be given credit for each such case assigned to him so that the ratio of case assignments in the Pittsburgh Division shall be maintained for all judges.

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Judith K. Fitzgerald, Chief Judge

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Bernard Markovitz , Bankruptcy Judge

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M. Bruce McCullough, Bankruptcy Judge

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Joseph L. Cosetti, Bankruptcy Judge

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Warren W. Bentz , Bankruptcy Judge