

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

THIRD AMENDED GENERAL PROCEDURE ORDER NUMBER 1996-1

Insofar as practicable and efficient, cases shall be assigned to judges by random selection and work parity among the judges shall be maintained. Whenever a majority of the judges determines that a workload imbalance is affecting parties adversely, the chief judge shall review the pending case loads of the judges and suggest appropriate reassignment of existing cases. The chief judge may also, if the chief judge determines that a reassignment of a case or cases is necessary or appropriate to more effectively and efficiently administer such case or cases, reassign cases with the consent of the affected judges. All reassignments, other than automatic reassignments from one judge to another, shall be subject to the chief judge's approval.

Related Cases: The clerk shall review page two of the petition to determine if the attorney or pro se party filing a bankruptcy case has indicated, in addition to other information required, whether the case being filed is "related" to any other case then pending before the court, or whether the petitioner has filed a prior bankruptcy in Colorado in the last eight years. If the case being filed appears to be "related" to another pending case, the case being filed shall be automatically reassigned to the judge with the earliest filed case. For the purposes of this order, a case is "related" to another case if one of the debtors in one case is an affiliate or an insider of a debtor in another case.

Sequential Cases: If the petition reflects that the debtor has filed a prior bankruptcy case in the last eight years, the clerk shall reassign the case to the judge to whom the last prior bankruptcy case was assigned. Similarly, if the automated data base reflects that the debtor has filed a prior bankruptcy case in the District of Colorado in the last eight years, the clerk shall reassign the new case to the judge to whom the last prior filing was assigned.

In the event of assignment or reassignment pursuant to this order, the clerk shall adjust the random assignment deck accordingly.

Dated: September 26, 2006

BY THE COURT:

Sidney B. Brooks, Chief Judge

A. Bruce Campbell, Judge

Elizabeth E. Brown, Judge

Howard R. Tallman, Judge

Michael E. Romero, Judge