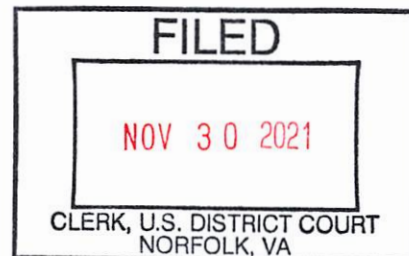


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA



STANDING ORDER

In accordance with this Court's Standing Order of Reference of August 15, 1984, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia adopts the attached Order entered by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia reflecting the creation and adoption of a random case assignment procedure for so-called "mega" cases. Any appeals from such cases will be assigned at random to a district court judge within the same division of the randomly assigned presiding bankruptcy judge.

The Clerk of Court shall send this Standing Order to all registered CM/ECF users in the Eastern District of Virginia.

Entered this 30th day of November, 2021.

/s/ 

Mark S. Davis

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Norfolk, Virginia

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

In re:

JUDGE ASSIGNMENT PROTOCOL        )  
FOR MEGA CHAPTER 11 CASES,        )                   Standing Order 21-21

ORDER ESTABLISHING JUDGE ASSIGNMENT PROTOCOL FOR MEGA CHAPTER  
11 CASES

Effective on February 15, 2022, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia will implement a randomized judge assignment protocol among the Judges of the Court for the assignment of mega chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. A mega chapter 11 case is defined as a case where a debtor or affiliated or consolidated group of debtors has assets or liabilities greater than \$100,000,000. Implementation of the protocol described herein is intended to maximize and evenly utilize the Court's judicial and administrative resources in light of the demands placed upon them by a mega chapter 11 case.

When a mega chapter 11 case is filed, it will be randomly assigned to one of the Judges of this Court without regard to the Division in which the case is filed. All Judges of this Court will be eligible to be assigned a mega chapter 11 filing with the exception of the Chief Bankruptcy Judge. Once a mega chapter 11 case has been randomly assigned, the case will be assigned to the Division in which the presiding Judge is resident.

The Court will amend its Local Bankruptcy Rules to promulgate procedures that implement the judge assignment protocol established by this Standing Order and to otherwise facilitate continued service to the public.

The Clerk shall send notice of the entry of this Order to all registered CM/ECF users and post a copy of this Order on the Court's website.

All of the Judges of this Court concur in the entry of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:

  
FRANK J. SANTORO  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: 11-30-2021