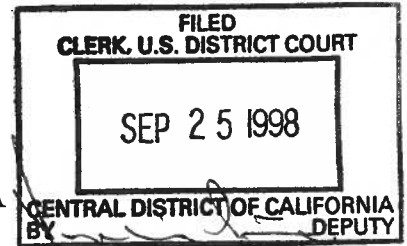


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA



IN THE MATTER OF )  
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METHOD OF ALLOCATING )  
CASES AMONG THE DIVISIONS )  
OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT )  
COURT OF CALIFORNIA )

GENERAL ORDER NO. 98-5  
(Amends General Order No. 349)

WHEREAS, in order to bring about an equal distribution of civil and criminal cases, the Court periodically reviews and modifies the method of allocating cases among the Divisions.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that there shall be a separate Report and Recommendation Assignment Wheel for each division which shall include the active district judges from that division and any senior district judge who so elects to be included. All cases referred to Magistrate Judges for a report and recommendation pursuant to General Order 194 and as outlined in the Local Rules Governing Duties of Magistrate Judges shall be randomly assigned through these Report and Recommendation Assignment Wheels to the individual calendars of the district judges of this Court.

This order shall be effective October 1, 1998.