

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois**

**GENERAL ORDER
No. 02-22**

Assignment of Eastern Division Chapter 11 Cases

IT IS ORDERED that all Chapter 11 cases will be randomly assigned to all eligible judges. Eligible judges include all those in active service (either regular appointment or recall), except that a judge may be removed from the assignment system pursuant to

- 1) Local Rules governing illness or incapacity;
- 2) the Calendar Adjustment Program; and
- 3) a determination that temporary removal from the assignment system is necessary to relieve an imbalance in Chapter 11 case assignments.

The latter determination shall be made initially by the chief judge, in consultation with the judge to be removed from the assignment system. With that judge's agreement, the removal will take place immediately upon the chief judge's determination, subject to review at the next regularly scheduled judges' meeting. If the judge to be removed does not agree with the chief judge's determination, no removal from the assignment system will take place until the matter is reviewed at the next judges' meeting. The duration of any period of removal will be determined at the judges' meeting. Determinations at judges' meetings shall be by majority vote.

Nothing in these assignment provisions affects the procedures for reassignment of cases provided for by the Local Rules.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this order shall be effective immediately.

ENTER FOR THE COURT:

**Eugene R. Wedoff
Chief Bankruptcy Judge**

Dated: December 19, 2002