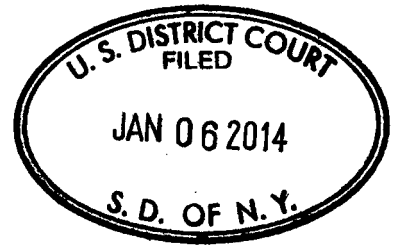


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



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IN RE:

RULES 18 AND 21 FOR THE
DIVISION OF BUSINESS
AMONG DISTRICT JUDGES
SOUTHERN DISTRICT
OF NEW YORK ONLY

M10-468
AMENDED
ORDER

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On November 20, 2013, the Board of Judges of the Southern District of New York approved amendments to Rule 18. Designation of White Plains Cases, and Rule 21. Social Security Actions, Prisoner Civil Rights Actions and *Habeas Corpus* Petitions. These amendments take effect on January 13, 2014 for one year through January 12, 2015. The amendments are as follows:

Rule 18. Designation of White Plains Cases

(a) Civil.

At the time of filing, the plaintiff's attorney shall designate on the civil cover sheet whether the case should be assigned to White Plains or Manhattan in accordance with these rules.

A civil case shall be designated for assignment to White Plains if:

(i) The claim arose in whole or in major part in the Counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan and Westchester (the "Northern Counties") and at least one of the parties resides in the Northern Counties; or

(ii) The claim arose in whole or in major part in the Northern Counties and none of the parties resides in this District.

A civil case may also be designated for assignment to White Plains if:

(iii) The claim arose outside this district and at least some of the parties reside in the Northern Counties; or

(iv) At least half of the parties reside in the Northern Counties.

All civil cases other than those specified in the foregoing paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) and social security and habeas corpus petitions brought under 28 U.S.C. §2241 which are assigned

on a district-wide basis shall be designated for assignment to Manhattan.

(b) Criminal.

The U.S. attorney designates on the criminal cover sheet that the case is to be assigned to White Plains if the crime was allegedly committed in whole or predominant part in the Northern Counties.

Defendants in any criminal case designated for White Plains may be arraigned at the White Plains Courthouse before a magistrate judge or a district judge.

Bail applications in any case designated for White Plains may be heard before a magistrate judge at White Plains, or, if unavailable, before a judge in White Plains, or a magistrate judge in Manhattan.

Rule 21. Social Security Actions and *Habeas Corpus* Petitions

Social security cases and petitions for *habeas corpus* relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 shall be assigned proportionately to all judges of the Court, whether sitting in White Plains or Manhattan.

Habeas corpus petitions brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 shall be assigned as follows: where the *habeas corpus* petitions arise out of state convictions obtained in the counties of Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange and Sullivan, the cases shall be assigned to district judges assigned to White Plains; where the *habeas corpus* petitions arise out of state convictions obtained in the counties of Bronx and New York, the cases shall be assigned to district judges assigned to Manhattan.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 6, 2014



Loretta A. Preska
Chief Judge