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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DIST. OF OHIO  
CLEVELAND

In re: ) Administrative Order No. 17-01  
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Assignment of Cases ) Judge Pat E. Morgenstern-Clarren  
) Judge Arthur I. Harris  
) Judge Jessica E. Price Smith  
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The Honorable Pat E. Morgenstern-Clarren is scheduled to retire from the Bench for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio on May 1, 2017. The vacancy, however, is not expected to be filled until the district's weighted filings per judgeship indicate there is a demonstrated need to do so. Accordingly, to assist in a smooth transition from three judges to two judges in the Cleveland divisional office, the case assignments in Cleveland will be as follows:

1. Effective April 1, 2017:
  - (a) New cases assigned to the Cleveland divisional office under Local Bankruptcy Rule 1071-1 shall be assigned by automated random draw to Judge Harris or Judge Price Smith under Local Bankruptcy Rule 1073-1.
  - (b) New cases that are related to a case previously assigned to Judge Harris or Judge Price Smith shall continue to be assigned to the judge to whom the first of the related cases was assigned under Local Bankruptcy Rule 1015-2.

2. On May 1, 2017,

(a) All odd numbered cases pending before Judge Morgenstern-Clarren shall be reassigned to Judge Harris, and all even numbered cases pending before Judge Morgenstern-Clarren shall be reassigned to Judge Price Smith.

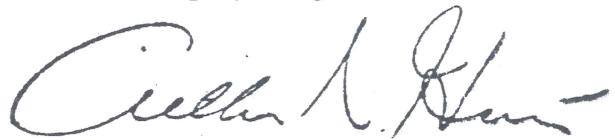
(b) All jointly administered cases shall be reassigned based upon whether the lead case number is even or odd.

(c) All adversary proceedings pending before Judge Morgenstern-Clarren shall be transferred to whichever judge has been assigned the related bankruptcy case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Pat E. Morgenstern-Clarren  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



Arthur I. Harris  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



Jessica E. Price Smith  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge