

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

ANNOUNCEMENT

Order Establishing Judge Assignment Protocol for Mega Chapter 11 Cases

Today, for the Court, Standing Order 21-21 was entered regarding a judge assignment protocol for mega chapter 11 cases. The standing order provides additional information of interest. As set forth in the Order, “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.” Additional information regarding an opportunity for a period of public comment will be forthcoming.

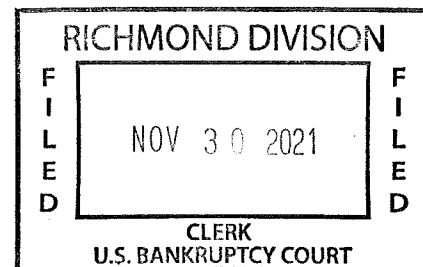
This Standing Order takes effect February 15, 2022.

William C. Redden
Clerk of Court

Date: November 30, 2021

Attachment

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA



In re:

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

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