

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

In re:)
)
ASSIGNMENT OF CASES FILED)
IN THE RICHMOND DIVISION IN)
PREPARATION FOR THE RETIREMENT)
OF THE HONORABLE KEVIN R.)
HUENNEKENS,)
)

Standing Order 24-15

**ORDER ADOPTING JUDICIAL CASE ASSIGNMENT PROTOCOL FOR THE
RICHMOND DIVISION FOR CASES FILED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

In preparation for the retirement of the Honorable Kevin R. Huennekens on January 10, 2025, and the judicial vacancy that will follow, and to ease the transition for litigants and the Court, the Court finds that Judge Huennekens should no longer receive new case assignments for a period in advance of his retirement.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that all bankruptcy cases filed in the Richmond Division on or after November 18, 2024, shall be automatically assigned in accordance with the following proportions:

- (a) Fifty percent to the Honorable Keith L. Phillips; and
- (b) Fifty percent to be split evenly among the Honorable Brian F. Kenney, the Honorable Klinette H. Kindred, and the Honorable Frank J. Santoro.

It is further ORDERED that any adversary proceeding filed in the Richmond Division on or after November 18, 2024, that is associated with a main bankruptcy case filed on or after November 18, 2024, shall be assigned to the Judge to whom the main bankruptcy case is assigned.

It is further ORDERED that any adversary proceeding filed in the Richmond Division on or after November 18, 2024, that is associated with a main bankruptcy case filed prior to

November 18, 2024, shall be assigned to the Judge to whom the main bankruptcy case is assigned.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:


FRANK J. SANTORO
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: October 31, 2024