



Christopher M. Alston
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

(Dated as of Entered on Docket date above)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In re:

REASSIGNMENT OF CASES UPON
JUDICIAL RETIREMENT - TACOMA AND
VANCOUVER CASES

General Order No. 2024-1

This General Order (“Order”) sets forth the terms of the reassignment of cases upon the retirement of Judge Brian D. Lynch. As used in this Order, “Vancouver Cases” refers to those cases where the debtor’s county of residence/principal place of business or assets is Clark, Cowlitz, Pacific, Skamania, or Wahkiakum County. “Tacoma Cases” refers to those cases where the debtor’s county of residence/principal place of business or assets is Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, or Thurston County.

Now, therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. Vancouver cases: Effective April 30, 2024, all Vancouver Cases, and their related adversary proceedings, if any, assigned to Judge Brian Lynch will be reassigned to Judge Mary Jo Heston. All Vancouver Cases filed after April 30, 2024, will be assigned to Judge Heston.

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1 2. Tacoma Cases:

- 2 a. Chapter 11. Chapter 11 Tacoma Cases and all out of district chapter 11 cases
3 assigned to Judge Lynch, and their related adversary proceeding(s), if any, will
4 be reassigned to Judge Heston. The reassignments will occur as needed based
5 upon the scheduling dictates of the individual case. Chapter 11 Tacoma Cases
6 filed on or after April 30, 2024, will be assigned to Judge Heston.
- 7 b. Chapter 7. On or before June 1, 2024, pending Chapter 7 Tacoma Cases
8 assigned to Judge Lynch, and related adversary proceeding(s), if any, will be
9 reassigned to Judges Heston and Judge Timothy W. Dore. Chapter 7 Tacoma
10 Cases filed on or after May 24, 2024, will be assigned to Judge Heston and
11 Judge Dore.
- 12 c. Chapter 13. Chapter 13 Tacoma Cases filed on or after April 16, 2024, will be
13 assigned to Judge Heston and Judge Dore. Judge Lynch's pending Chapter 13
14 Tacoma Cases (those filed prior to April 16, 2024), and related adversary
15 proceeding(s), if any, will be reassigned to Judge Heston and Judge Dore on or
16 before June 1, 2024.

17 3. The case reassignments described above are authorized by this Order; an order of
18 reassignment is not required in an individual case. The Clerk will note each
19 reassignment on the docket.

20 4. The dates for assignment or reassignment may vary from those stated in this Order and
21 will be effective without further order.

22 5. Judge Dore will hold hearings in Tacoma, according to a schedule posted on the Court's
23 website.

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