

NOTICE REGARDING ASSIGNMENT OF CASES AND PROCEEDINGS
IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

The court remains hopeful that Congress will extend our district's temporary bankruptcy judgeship so that a successor judge can be appointed to sit in Greeneville after Chief Judge Marcia Parsons retires on September 30, 2020. However, even if Congress acts, no successor will be in place by that date because the process of appointing a new judge can take up to one year. In consideration of a desire to equitably balance the District's caseload among the three remaining judges, all pending and future cases and proceedings in the Northeastern Division will be assigned to Judge Shelley D. Rucker effective September 30, 2020, and the pending and future cases and proceedings in the Winchester Division will be assigned to Judge Nicholas W. Whittenburg effective August 3, 2020. Judge Suzanne H. Bauknight will continue to hear cases and proceedings in the Northern Division, which represent a third of the district's case filings. Judges Rucker and Whittenburg will continue to split the cases and proceedings in the Southern Division, with the split adjusted to reflect the respective filings in the Winchester and Northeastern divisions.

If you have a trial currently set in the Winchester Division, you will be contacted by Judge Rucker's courtroom deputy regarding its reassignment. If you are trying to schedule matters in the Winchester division after August 3, 2020, please contact Ms. Sheri Lowe, Judge Whittenburg's courtroom deputy. If you need assistance with matters in the Northeastern Division after October 1, 2020, please contact Ms. Tanya English, Judge Rucker's courtroom deputy.