

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 14-0015**

It appearing that the full Court met in executive session on May 22, 2014 and approved an amendment to Internal Operating Procedure 13(f) regarding Recusals.

The Court's Rules Committee discussed the proposed amendment at its meeting of April 15, 2014. It recommended that the full Court adopt the proposed amendment to Internal Operating Procedure 13(f).

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on May 22, 2014 and approved the amendment to Internal Operating Procedure 13(f); therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on May 22, 2014,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Internal Operating Procedure 13(f): Recusals be amended as follows (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~):

IOP013. Reassignments and Transfers

(f) Recusals. (Amended July 7, 2000,)

(1) *General Procedures.* Except as otherwise provided in this section, whenever a case is transferred to the Executive Committee for reassignment following a recusal, the Committee shall direct the clerk to reassign the case by lot to a judge other than the judge who entered the recusal. A judge receiving a case on reassignment following a recusal shall promptly determine whether or not to enter a recusal. Where a recusal is entered, the judge shall promptly transfer the case back to the Committee which shall thereupon direct the clerk to reassign the case by lot to a judge other than those previously entering recusals. Where a recusal is not entered, the judge may transfer to the Committee for reassignment to the judge entering the initial recusal a case requiring a like amount of judicial effort for disposition.

The Committee will reassign that case subject to verification that it will require like judicial effort.

(2) *Recusals with Equalization.* Where the reason for the recusal is included in one of the categories specified in this subsection, the judge entering the recusal may request that in lieu of receiving a like case from the receiving judge, the recusal be made part of the calendar equalization set out in IOP11(b). The categories of recusals for which this procedure may be used are as follows:

(A) cases in which a recusal is entered because a relative of the judge works for a law firm, or the U.S. Attorney's Office, which represents or is one of the parties to the case; and

(B) cases in which one of the parties is or is was represented by a law firm with which the judge was associated within the previous five years.

(C) cases in which the judge determines that a recusal is required because one of the parties was previously represented by the judge.

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT



Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 23 day of May, 2014.