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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

In re  
ASSIGNMENT OF BANKRUPTCY CASES;  
and  
ABROGATION OF FIRST AMENDED  
GENERAL ORDER 33, GENERAL ORDER  
46, and PARTIAL ABROGATION OF  
ORDER FOR REASSIGNMENT OF CASES  
IN THE SAN JOSE DIVISION DATED  
JULY 1, 2015.

**General Order 47**  
**Effective: April 15, 2026**

This *Order* sets forth the assignment of bankruptcy cases filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California.<sup>1</sup> Considering the anticipated May 15, 2026, retirement of Judge Charles Novack, the court will adjust its assignment of cases, effective April 15, 2026, and until further order of the Court:

1) Subject to the exception stated in paragraph 2 of this *Order*, all bankruptcy cases filed and venued in the San Francisco Division, Santa Rosa Division or the Oakland Division shall receive a case number applicable to each Division and be randomly assigned to Judge Hannah L. Blumenstiel, Judge William J. Lafferty or Judge Dennis Montali.

2) Bankruptcy cases filed in the Santa Rosa Division and venued in Del Norte County or Humboldt County, shall receive a Santa Rosa Division case number and be assigned to Judge William J. Lafferty.

3) Subject to the exception stated in paragraph 4 of this *Order*, all bankruptcy cases filed and venued in the San Jose Division shall receive a San Jose Division case number and be assigned to Judge Stephen L. Johnson.

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<sup>1</sup> The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California consists of 15 counties subdivided into four geographic divisions designated as San Francisco, Santa Rosa, Oakland and San Jose. B.L.R. 1001-3. Venue is determined as consistent with 28 U.S.C. §1408 and §1410.

