

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
30TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT MEMPHIS  
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Henda Kuban, Clerk  
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AMENDMENT TO LOCAL )  
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ORDER AMENDING LOCAL RULE 4.01


This cause came on to be heard at a meeting of the Criminal Court Judges to amend the way cases are assigned to Divisions VII and VIII, so that they will be assigned cases from specific General Sessions Courts automatically by date of first setting for arraignment in the various General Sessions Courts. This order replaces the order entered February 6, 2023. It is the intent of the Criminal Court Judges in the below amendment to Local Rule 4, Assignment of Criminal Cases, that each General Sessions Division will have its known Criminal Court Division or Divisions to which its cases will be assigned, other than Division 14, the Environmental Court, to facilitate vertical prosecution and defense pathways for the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office and the local Bar. Therefore it has been decided that present Local Rule 4.01 should be deleted and replaced with the following language, to take effect May 1, 2023:

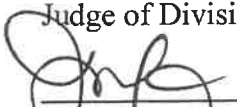
**4.01** The following method will be employed by the Criminal Court Clerk's Office for the initial assignment of cases to the ten Divisions of Court. Cases originating in General Sessions Division 7 will be assigned to Criminal Court Division I, except that all cases set for first arraignment the months of January, May and September will be assigned to Criminal Court Division VIII. Cases originating in General Sessions Division 8 will be assigned to Criminal Court Division VI. Cases originating in General Sessions Division 9 will be assigned to Criminal Court Division II, except that all cases set for first arraignment the months of January, May and September will be assigned to Criminal Court Division VII. Cases originating in General Sessions Division 10 will be assigned to Criminal Court Division V. Cases originating in General Sessions Division 11 will be assigned to Criminal Court Division III, except that all cases set for first arraignment in February, June and October will be assigned to Criminal Court Division VII. Cases originating in General Sessions Division 12 will be assigned to Criminal

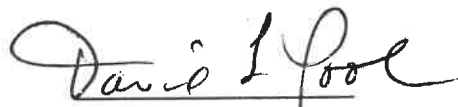
Court Division IV, except that all cases set for first arraignment the months of March, July and November will be assigned to Criminal Court Division VII. Cases originating in General Sessions Division 13 will be assigned to Criminal Court Division IX, except that all cases set for first arraignment the months of February, June and October will be assigned to Criminal Court Division VIII. Cases originating in General Sessions Division 15 will be assigned to Criminal Court Division X, except that all cases set for first arraignment the months of March, July and November will be assigned to Criminal Court Division VIII. All cases originating in the municipal courts of Shelby County and all indictments returned for defendants not in custody which did not originate in General Sessions Court will be assigned by rotation in the order received by the Clerk from Divisions I through IV and VII through X, except that all cases originating in municipal court and indictments not in custody that are flagged by the grand jury as drug cases will be assigned to Division VI, and all cases originating in municipal court and indictments not in custody that are flagged by the grand jury as domestic violence cases will be assigned to Division V. Any cases sent back to the Clerk for reassignment by any Criminal Court Judge due to recusal shall also be reassigned by rotation. Any persons indicted with a defendant as a co-defendant for that offense will also be assigned to the same division of court as the original defendant. All salary petitions filed by the Criminal Court Clerk and the Sheriff will be heard by the Administrative Judge.

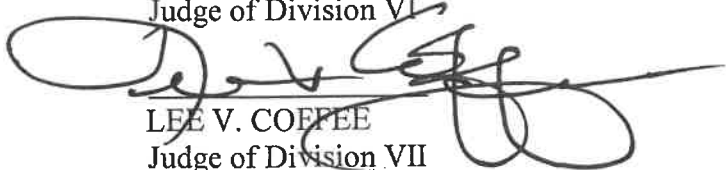
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that after having been circulated to the Shelby County District Attorney, the Shelby County Public Defender, the Criminal Law Section of the Memphis Bar Association and the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for comment, the Criminal Court Judges hereby adopt the above amendment to Rule 4 of the Shelby County Criminal Court Rules of Practice and Procedure unless further amended, in the interest of court efficiency and jail overcrowding, to be effective May 1, 2023.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2023.

  
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PAULA SKAHAN  
Judge of Division I

  
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JENNIFER FITZGERALD  
Judge of Division II

  
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DAVID POOL  
Judge of Division VI

  
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LEE V. COFFEE  
Judge of Division VII

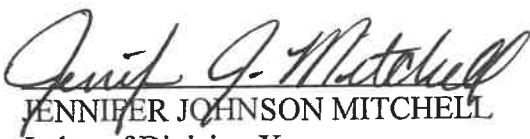
  
JAMES JONES  
Judge of Division III

CAROLYN WADE BLACKETT  
Judge of Division IV

  
CARLYN ADDISON  
Judge of Division V

  
CHRIS CRAFT  
Judge of Division VIII

  
A. MELISSA BOYD  
Judge of Division IX

  
JENNIFER JOHNSON MITCHELL  
Judge of Division X