

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: ALLOCATION OF CASELOAD AND
ASSIGNMENT OF JUVENILE CASES FOR KOOTENAI COUNTY
B20-200-1

WHEREAS, Idaho Juvenile Rules 6, was amended effective January 1, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Local Rule 1 of the First Judicial District provides the allocation of caseload assignments among Magistrate Judges shall be as directed order of the Administrative District Judge; and,

WHEREAS, Local Rule 2 of the First Judicial District Rules provides that cases assigned to Magistrate Judges shall be scheduled pursuant to the Magistrate Assignment Schedule established by the Trial Court Administrator, as directed by the Administrative District Judge; and,

WHEREAS Local Rules 1 and 2 of the First Judicial District Rules provide where there is more than one resident Magistrate Judge in a county, the method of allocating the caseload and a rotation schedule between Magistrate Judges of that county may be established by consensus among resident Magistrates, subject to the approval of the Administrative District Judge; and.

WHEREAS, the resident Magistrate Judges of Kootenai County are, by a consensus, in favor of the allocation and rotation of cases as described herein,

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the following allocation of caseload and rotation schedule between Magistrate Judges of Kootenai County is hereby approved and adopted as follows:

The nine (9) way rotation of the Kootenai County Magistrate Judges is attached hereto.

Cases proceeding under the Juvenile Corrections Act shall be handled by the Magistrate Division of the District Court.

A Magistrate Judge shall be assigned to a juvenile case as follows:

a. A juvenile who is detained on a new case(s) will be brought before a judge for a detention hearing pursuant to IJR 7. At the detention hearing, the Court will notify the parties which judge is assigned to the case(s).

b. In the event a juvenile is summonsed into court pursuant to IJR 3 and 5, a judge shall be assigned to the case(s) at the admit/deny hearing per IJR 6.

c. Once a judge is assigned to a juvenile case, that judge shall retain responsibility for that case, and all subsequent cases involving the same juvenile shall be assigned to that judge.

d. The assigned judge on a juvenile case(s) shall maintain responsibility for all regularly occurring hearings including admit/deny, pre-trials, evidentiary, hearings, sentencing hearings, and review hearings. A different judge shall only be assigned if the original assigned judge no longer holds the same judicial office or other extraordinary circumstances exist such as the judge's disqualification, death, illness, or other disability

e. Due to the time constraints related to detention hearings, another judge may cover a detention hearing for the limited purposes of advising the juvenile of his/her rights, advising the juvenile of the charge(s), considering appointment of an attorney, and entering an admit/deny pursuant to IJR 6(b) and 7. This covering judge may also determine whether or not the juvenile should remain detained. All other proceedings shall be the responsibility of and handled by the assigned judge.

f. In order to prevent unnecessary delay in a case(s), in the event an assigned judge is unavailable due to emergencies, judicial conferences, Supreme Court committee/commission meetings, vacations, and/or illness etc., another judge may cover any proceedings; however, the assigned judge will remain responsible for the assigned case(s).

DATED this 14th day of December, 2020



RICH CHRISTENSEN
ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT JUDGE
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT