

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2-14

The attached amendment to Local Rule 4.2 was considered and adopted by the United States District Judges for the Northern District of Texas. This amendment is effective with the entry of this Order. The Clerk of Court is directed to make the necessary distribution.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: December 21, 1993.

*[Signature]*

BAREFOOT SANDERS, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

## LOCAL RULE 4.2

### IV. ASSIGNMENT OF CASES; RECUSAL OF AND COMPLAINTS AGAINST JUDGE

#### Rule 4.2 Recusal of and Complaints Against Judge

A Judge who desires recusal in any case shall request the Chief Judge to reassign the case.

To improve the administration of justice in the federal courts, Congress passed the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980, codified at 28 U.S.C. § 372(c). The law authorizes complaints against United States circuit, district, bankruptcy, and magistrate judges who have "engaged in conduct prejudicial to the effective and expeditious administration of the business of the courts" or who are "unable to discharge all the duties of office by reason of mental or physical disability." The conduct to which the law is addressed does not include making wrong judicial decisions, for the law provides that a complaint may be dismissed if it is "directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling."

The Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit has adopted Rules Governing Complaints of Judicial Misconduct or Disability. These rules apply to judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and to the district, bankruptcy, and magistrate judges of federal courts within the Fifth Circuit. The circuit includes the states of Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

These rules may be obtained from, and written complaints filed at, the following office:

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