



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NOTICE TO THE BAR

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**Southern District Court Adopts Amendment to Rule 3 of
the Rules for Division of Business Among District Judges**

The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York has amended Rule 3 of the Rules for Division of Business Among District Judges, effective February 12, 2026. The Rule, which concerns Part I, has been amended to conform to the Court's current practices and clarify that Part I is available after hours, including weekends, holidays, and during court closures, in case of emergency and that after-hours contact information is available on the Court's website (specifically, at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/judges/part1-schedule>).

The text of the amendment is attached. The Rules for Division of Business Among District Judges may be found at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/rules>.

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Rules for the Division of Business Among District Judges, S.D.N.Y

Amendment to Rule 3. Part I

(Effective February 12, 2026. Amendments appear in red.)

Rule 3. Part I

(a) Establishment of Part I

Part I is established for hearing and determining certain emergency and miscellaneous matters in civil and criminal cases. Judges shall choose assignment to Part I from an appropriate schedule, in order of their seniority, for periods not to exceed three weeks in each year. The judge(s) assigned full-time to White Plains do not sit in Part I in Manhattan. The assignment committee may, on consent of the judges affected, change such assignments, if necessary, to meet the needs of the court.

Part I shall be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (except on holidays) and available after hours — including weekends, holidays, and during court closures — in case of emergency. After-hours contact information for the Part I judge is available on the Court's website. The judge presiding in Part I may fix such other times for any proceeding as necessary.