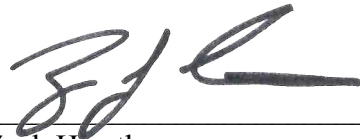


When, as in this case, jurisdiction is not founded solely on diversity of citizenship, 28 U.S.C. § 1391 provides that venue is proper only in the judicial district where the defendants reside or in which the claims arose. Plaintiff's claims arose at the Smith Unit in Dawson County, Texas. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 124, Dawson County, Texas is in the Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division. Accordingly, venue in the Eastern District of Texas is not proper.

When venue is not proper, the court "shall dismiss, or if it be in the interest of justice, transfer such case to any district or division in which it could have been brought." 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a). This case should be transferred to the Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division. An appropriate order so providing will be entered by the undersigned.

SIGNED this 17th day of February, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zack Hawthorn', written over a horizontal line.

Zack Hawthorn
United States Magistrate Judge