

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES

ORDER AMENDING CASE ASSIGNMENTS

UPON CONSIDERATION of an equitable assignment of cases among the judges of this district, it is hereby ORDERED that the following assignment system be implemented by the Clerk effective immediately:

DISTRICT-WIDE

All 2255 motions filed in criminal cases shall be opened by the Clerk as civil cases under code 510, and assigned to the district judge to whom the criminal case is currently assigned.

Death penalty cases shall be assigned only to the active judges of this court on a random basis, but otherwise as set out in the Administrative Order dated December 30, 1999, *Guidelines for Filing and Assignment of Habeas Corpus Death Penalty Cases*.

PENSACOLA DIVISION

Criminal cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

- 37% per quarter to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 26% per quarter to Senior Judge Roger Vinson
- 37% per quarter to Senior Judge Lacey A. Collier

Prisoner (530, 540, 555); social security (861,862,863,864,865); contract (152, 153); forfeiture/penalty (610, 620, 625, 630, 640, 650, 660, 690); and bankruptcy (422, 423) civil cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

- 27% per quarter to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 38% per quarter to Senior Judge Roger Vinson
- 35% per quarter to Senior Judge Lacey A. Collier

All other civil cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

- 42% per quarter to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 12% per quarter to Judge Richard Smoak
- 6% per quarter to Senior Judge William Stafford
- 32% per quarter to Senior Judge Roger Vinson

8% to per quarter Senior Judge Lacey A. Collier

PANAMA CITY DIVISION

Criminal cases shall be assigned to Judge Richard Smoak.

Prisoner (530, 540, 555) cases, social security (861, 862, 863, 864, 865); contract (152, 153); forfeiture/penalty (610, 620, 625, 630, 640, 650, 660, 690); and bankruptcy (422, 423) civil cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

30% per quarter to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

24% per quarter to Judge M. Casey Rodgers

46% per quarter to Judge Richard Smoak

Other civil cases shall be assigned to Judge Richard Smoak.

GAINESVILLE DIVISION

Criminal cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

55% per quarter to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

45% per quarter to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul

Prisoner (530, 540, 555); social security (861, 862, 863, 864, 865); contract (152, 153); forfeiture/penalty (610, 620, 625, 630, 640, 650, 660, 690); and bankruptcy (422, 423) civil cases shall be assigned to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul.

All other civil cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

60% per quarter to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

40% per quarter to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul

TALLAHASSEE DIVISION

Criminal cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

70% per quarter to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

30% per quarter to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

Prisoner (530, 540, 555); social security (861, 862, 863, 864, 865); contract (152, 153); forfeiture/penalty (610, 620, 625, 630, 640, 650, 660, 690); and bankruptcy (422, 423) civil cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

43% per quarter to Judge Robert L. Hinkle

18% per quarter to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

17% per quarter to Senior Judge William Stafford

22% per quarter to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul

All other civil cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

56% per quarter to Judge Robert L. Hinkle

36% per quarter to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

8% per quarter to Senior Judge William Stafford

This order is entered with the concurrence of all United States District Judges for the Northern District of Florida.

DONE AND ORDERED this 18th day of November, 2005, at Tallahassee, Florida.

/s/ Robert L. Hinkle
ROBERT L. HINKLE
CHIEF JUDGE