

**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, retroactive to July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006:

**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:

- 38% per quarter to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 24% per quarter to Senior Judge Roger Vinson
- 38% 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:

- 41% per quarter to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 21% per quarter to Judge Richard Smoak
- 9% per quarter to Senior Judge William Stafford
- 21% 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:

2% per quarter to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

30% per quarter to Judge M. Casey Rodgers

68% per quarter to Judge Richard Smoak.

Other civil cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

48% per quarter to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

52% per quarter to Judge Richard Smoak.

### **GAINESVILLE DIVISION**

Criminal cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

53% per quarter to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

47% 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:

68% per quarter to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

32% per quarter to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul.

### **TALLAHASSEE DIVISION**

Criminal cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

68% per quarter to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

32% 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:

32% per quarter to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

31% per quarter to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

11% per quarter to Senior Judge William Stafford

26% per quarter to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul.

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

56% per quarter to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

39% per quarter to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

5% 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 17th day of August, 2006, at Tallahassee, Florida.

s/Robert L. Hinkle  
Chief United States District Judge