

**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 July 12th, 2007:

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:

- 42% to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 20% to Senior Judge Roger Vinson
- 38% 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:

- 40% to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 32% to Senior Judge Roger Vinson
- 28% to Senior Judge Lacey A. Collier.

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

- 45% to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 20% to Judge Richard Smoak
- 9% to Senior Judge William Stafford
- 17% to Senior Judge Roger Vinson
- 9% to 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:

15% to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

12% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

9% to Judge M. Casey Rodgers

64% 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% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

45% 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:

70% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

30% to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul.

TALLAHASSEE DIVISION

Criminal cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

62% to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

38% 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:

28% to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

30% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

13% to Senior Judge William Stafford

29% to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul.

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

60% to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

35% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

5% to Senior Judge William Stafford.

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

SO ORDERED this 10th day of July, 2007.

s/Robert L. Hinkle
Chief United States District Judge