

**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:

- 20% to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 35% to Senior Judge Roger Vinson
- 45% to Senior Judge Lacey A. Collier

Other civil cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

- 48% to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 41% to Senior Judge Roger Vinson
- 11% 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:

- 25% to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 35% to Senior Judge Roger Vinson
- 40% to Senior Judge Lacey A. Collier

PANAMA CITY DIVISION

_____Criminal cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

45% to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

55% to Judge M. Casey Rodgers.

Other civil cases originating in Jackson County shall be assigned on a random basis:

50% to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

50% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

Other civil cases originating in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, and Washington Counties shall be assigned on a random basis:

40% to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

40% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

20% to Judge M. Casey Rodgers

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:

38% to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

42% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

20% to Judge M. Casey Rodgers

GAINESVILLE DIVISION

Criminal cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

48% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

52% 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:

35% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

65% to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul

TALLAHASSEE DIVISION

Criminal cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

48% to Chief Judge Robert L. Hinkle

52% 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:

6% to Judge Robert L. Hinkle

18% to Senior Judge William Stafford

76% to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul

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

45% to Judge Robert L. Hinkle

35% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle

20% 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 1st day of June, 2005, at Tallahassee, Florida.

s/Robert L. Hinkle
Chief United States District Judge