

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

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES

AMENDED CASE ASSIGNMENT ORDER

This order corrects a scrivener's error in the Order Amending Case Assignments that was entered as of July 25, 2006. The assignments set forth in this amended order were implemented at that time, but that order incorrectly listed the percentages for one category of cases in one division—Pensacola prisoner, social security, contract, forfeiture/penalty, and bankruptcy cases. So that the order will properly reflect the allocation of cases that has (correctly) been in effect since July 25, 2006, and 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, 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:

- 34% per quarter to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 28% per quarter to Senior Judge Roger Vinson
- 38% 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 allocation of cases was adopted as of July 25, 2006, with the concurrence of all United States District Judges for the Northern District of Florida.

SO ORDERED this 21st day of January, 2007.

s/Robert L. Hinkle
Chief United States District Judge