

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

**IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES**

4:95mc40111

**ORDER AMENDING CASE ASSIGNMENTS**

In order to promote an equitable assignment of cases among the judges of this district, it is hereby ORDERED that the Clerk, effective June 6, 2011, implement the following assignment system.

**DISTRICT-WIDE**

All 2255 motions filed in criminal cases shall be opened by the Clerk as civil cases under code 510 and assigned only 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:

- 59% to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 10% to Senior Judge Roger Vinson
- 31% 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); alien deportation (463); and bankruptcy (422, 423) civil cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

- 28% to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 29% to Senior Judge Roger Vinson
- 43% to Senior Judge Lacey A. Collier

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

- 73% to Judge M. Casey Rodgers
- 11% to Judge Richard Smoak
- 16% to Judge Roger Vinson

**PANAMA CITY DIVISION**

Criminal cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

- 100% to Judge Richard Smoak

Prisoner (530, 540, 555); social security (861, 862, 863, 864, 865); contract (152, 153); forfeiture/penalty (610, 620, 625, 630, 640, 650, 660, 690); alien deportation (463); and bankruptcy (422, 423) civil cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

29% to Judge Richard Smoak  
71% to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul

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

100% to Judge Richard Smoak

### **GAINESVILLE DIVISION**

Criminal cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

66% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle  
34% 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); alien deportation (463); and bankruptcy (422, 423) civil cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

30% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle  
70% to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul

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

50% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle  
50% to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul

### **TALLAHASSEE DIVISION**

Criminal cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

100% to Judge Robert L. Hinkle

Prisoner (530, 540, 555); social security (861, 862, 863, 864, 865); contract (152, 153); forfeiture/penalty (610, 620, 625, 630, 640, 650, 660, 690); alien deportation (463); and bankruptcy (422, 423) civil cases shall be assigned on a random basis:

26% to Judge Robert L. Hinkle  
45% to Judge Stephan P. Mickle  
19% to Senior Judge William Stafford  
10% to Senior Judge Maurice M. Paul

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

63% to Judge Robert L. Hinkle  
14% to Judge Richard Smoak  
23% to Senior Judge William Stafford

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

DONE AND ORDERED this sixteenth day of June 2011, at Gainesville Florida.

*s/ Stephan P. Mickle*

Stephan P. Mickle

Chief United States District Judge