IN THE STATE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA



ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 15-Z

Administrative Order 14-20 entered on December 15, 2014 is hereby stricken and replaced by this order.

Effective immediately, the Clerk of Court shall assign cases to the Judges of the State Court of Forsyth County as follows:

- 1. Cases filed in the Traffic Violations Bureau shall be assigned randomly to each judge in the Judicial ("TVB") Node of the Odyssey system under parameters established by the chief judge of the State Court, such that the cases are evenly distributed between the Judges.
- 2. All criminal cases shall be classified into predetermined case types as approved by the Chief Judge, and shall be randomly assigned in the Judicial ("State Court") Node of the Odyssey system, within each designated case type to the judges of the State Court in a weighted distribution to be determined by the Chief Judge, taking into account the existing caseloads of the judges. The initial random assignment shall be made by the Odyssey system when the Clerk or the Solicitor General opens or files a case at the Pending Accusation File ("PAF") Node of the Odyssey system. Unless otherwise required by this Order, this assignment shall be carried forward when an accusation is "filed down" with the Clerk within the Odyssey system. All cases assigned to the Judge Abernathy-Maddox shall be designated to Division A, and all cases assigned to the Chief Judge shall be designated to Division B. If both judges recuse from a case or are otherwise unable to preside over a case, the case shall automatically be designated to Division R, to be presided over by a duly appointed judge under the Uniform Rules. The case file number shall include the case's assigned division.
- 3. All civil cases shall be randomly assigned to each judge in a weighted distribution to be determined by the Chief Judge, taking into account the existing caseloads of the judges. All cases assigned to Judge Abernathy-Maddox shall be designated to Division A, and all cases



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assigned to the Chief Judge shall be designated to Division B. If both judges recuse from a case or are otherwise unable to preside over a case, the case shall automatically be designated to Division R, to be presided over by a duly appointed judge under the Uniform Rules. The case file number shall include the case's assigned division.

4. All actions involving the same parties, or substantially the same subject matter, or substantially the same factual issues, whether pending simultaneously or not, shall be assigned to the same judge. Whenever such action is refiled, or a derivative or companion action is filed or refiled, or a defendant is re-accused on a previous charge, or is accused on a subsequent charge while still under charges or serving a confinement or probated sentence on a previous action, or co-defendants are accused separately, such actions shall be assigned to the judge to whom the original action was or is assigned. Such actions shall be assigned to the judge to whom the action with the lowest action number is assigned.

So Ordered this 18th day of February, 2015.

T. Russell McClelland III, Chief Judge

State Court of Forsyth County

Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit

Leslie Abernathy-Maddox), Judge State Court of Forsyth County

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