

**United States District Court
Southern District of Florida**

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**United States District Judge Daniel T. K. Hurley
to Elect Senior Status**

Chief United States District Judge Federico A. Moreno announced that United States District Judge Daniel T. K. Hurley has advised President Barack H. Obama that he intends to take senior status on February 24, 2009. Under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 371(b)(1), Judge Hurley has attained the age and service requirements of subsection (c) to qualify for status as a Senior United States District Judge.

Judge Hurley was nominated for the federal bench by President William J. Clinton and received his commission on March 11, 1994. He graduated from George Washington University Law School in 1968. In his early career, Judge Hurley served as a law clerk in the federal courts, as an assistant county solicitor in Palm Beach County, and as an assistant state attorney in the 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida. He later served as a County court judge in Palm Beach County, a judge on the 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida including service as Chief Judge for six years, and as a judge on the Fourth District Court of Appeal.

During his distinguished career as a United States District Judge, Judge Hurley has presided over many high profile cases, such as USA v. Franklin which involved 13 defendants accused of selling, distributing and dispensing crack cocaine, with six of those defendants currently serving life sentences. He presided over USA v. Graziano, involving 29 defendants accused of being members and non-member associates of the Bonanno Organized Crime Family of La Cosa Nostra. Based upon racketeering, illegal gambling and money laundering charges, restitution in the amount of \$38,399,921 was ordered for five defendants. He also presided over the trial in EEOC v. Joe's Stone Crabs, a pivotal gender discrimination lawsuit. More recently, Judge Hurley oversaw the trial in Arce v. Garcia, which involved accusations that the Defense Minister of El Salvador, the Director General of the El Salvador National Guard, and members of the El Salvador National Guard were guilty of war crimes under the Torture Victim Protection Act.

Although Judge Hurley will take senior status, he intends to continue to render substantial judicial service to the Southern District of Florida as a Senior Judge. He will continue to maintain his chambers and to hear cases in the Court's West Palm Beach Division. At the present time, the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Council has not made a final determination as to which division of the Southern District will be the official duty station of his replacement upon appointment.