UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2007-68

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IN RE: MODIFICATION OF MIAMI MAGISTRATE JUDGE PAIRING ASSIGNMENT PLAN

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Administrative Order 2005-09 modified Magistrate Judge Pairing Assignment Plan until March 31, 2008. Consistent with that order (amending prior orders 2002-02, 2002-58, 2003-112 and 2004-23), it is

ORDERED that commencing April 1, 2008, and for three years thereafter, the District and Magistrate Judges for Miami will be paired as follows:

District Judges	Paired Magistrates
Moreno and Graham	Torres
Moore and Ungaro	Simonton
Lenard, Hoeveler, Highsmith and Middlebrooks (Miami criminal cases only)	Garber
Gold and Jordan	McAliley
Seitz and Huck	O'Sullivan
Martinez and Altonaga	Brown
Cooke and King	Bandstra
Land Condemnation Cases	Turnoff
Miami Social Security Appeals	Dube

In order to effect the orderly transfer of cases in accordance with the pairing plan, the following procedures apply:

I. Each magistrate judge shall retain until disposition, all previously referred fully briefed motions. In addition, each magistrate judge shall dispose of all other referred motions that become ripe for disposition prior to April 1, 2008 until all fully briefed motions have been ruled upon by the magistrate judge. The magistrate judges shall use their best efforts to dispose of all prior, ripe motions in cases assigned to district judges with whom they are not paired within 60 days of the commencement of each three-year rotation. As required by past orders, at the conclusion of the 60-day period, each magistrate judge shall make a written status report to the Chief Judge about the cases retained by the magistrate judge.

Any consent trial, consent motion for summary judgment, and other "consent motion" shall remain with the magistrate judge who was assigned to the case when the consent was given.

II. In the event of a lower-case transfer or a recusal by a district judge, the clerk's office shall reassign the case to the magistrate judge with whom the newly-assigned district judge is paired.

III. All Magistrate Judge recusals shall be assigned to Magistrate William C. Turnoff. Any recusal by Magistrate Judge Turnoff shall be assigned to Magistrate Judge Robert Dubé.

IV. District Judges shall retain full discretion concerning the type and volume of matters referred. However, referrals shall be only to the "paired" magistrate judge, unless a district judge obtains the agreement of the "paired" district judge (e.g., because of a prior related case, because a magistrate judge has devoted substantial time to an unusually complex case, or for some other meritorious reason), and so notify the clerk in writing.

This Order supersedes Administrative Orders 2002-02, 2002-58, 2003-112, 2004-23 and 2005-9.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Dade-County, Florida this 20th day of December 2007.

FEDERICO A. MORENO
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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