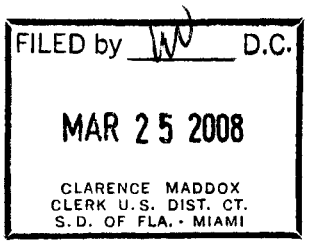
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2008-09



IN RE:

REASSIGNMENT OF CASES IN CM/ECF PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2007-68 UPON CERTIFICATION BY PAIRED MAGISTRATE JUDGE OF READINESS FOR REASSIGNMENT

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On December 20, 2007, Administrative Order 2007-68 was signed designating new Magistrate Judge pairings in the Miami Division effective April 1, 2008. Paragraph I of that Administrative Order directs that each Magistrate Judge shall retain until disposition all previously referred fully briefed motions, and best efforts will be made to dispose of such cases within 60 days of the commencement of the three year rotation effective April 1, 2008. Pursuant to past practice in this Court, Magistrate Judges typically enter written certifications in each case ready for transfer. Upon receipt of that certification, the assigned District Judge then enters an Order directing the reassignment of the case to the newly paired Magistrate Judge, with the Orders being docketed in each case. This Administrative Order 2008-09 is being entered to enable the Court to take advantage of efficiencies offered by the CM/ECF system to facilitate the orderly reassignment of cases to newly paired Magistrate Judges, and to ease the administrative burdens otherwise placed on the District and Magistrate Judges by the purely ministerial tasks of making these reassignments.

It is hereby ORDERED that the following procedures shall be implemented in this Court and by the Clerk's Office in effecting the reassignment of cases pursuant to Administrative Order 2007-68:

1. On or after April 1, 2008, each Magistrate Judge shall provide the Clerk's Office with an initial list (or lists) of cases that are certified by that Magistrate Judge as ready for reassignment consistent with Administrative Order 2007-68. Thereafter, each Magistrate Judge may continue to provide additional certification lists to the Clerk as motions are disposed of and cases are readied for reassignment.

2. Upon receipt of the certifications reflected above, the Clerk's Office is authorized to make appropriate entries in the CM/ECF system as to each case certified, reassigning the case to the newly paired Magistrate Judge without the necessity of any further orders or directives from the Court.

3. In each case reassigned, the Clerk's Office will make a notation on the docket of each case reflecting the fact that the paired Magistrate Judge has been changed upon the authority of this Administrative Order 2008-09, and each counsel and pro se party of record will receive notification

of this entry through the CM/ECF procedures. Because this Administrative Order 2008-09 is available for public viewing on the Court's website, a copy of this Administrative Order need *not* be docketed in each case.

4. Nothing in this Administrative Order 2008-09 shall prevent a Magistrate Judge from entering individual certifications or Orders in any specific case reflecting that the case is ready for reassignment pursuant to Administrative Order 2007-68.

5. This Administrative Order 2008-09 establishes protocols that will be followed as to the ministerial acts necessary to effect changes in paired Magistrate Judges' assignments. It in no way impacts or otherwise changes the substantive directives of Administrative Order 2007-68, and to the extent there are any inconsistencies, Administrative Order 2007-68 shall prevail.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida this 25th day of March, 2008.

for Donald L. Graham

FEDERICO A. MORENO
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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