UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2001-44

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IN RE: REVISED CASE NUMBERING PLAN
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It appearing that several of the District's divisional offices may exceed, before the end of the calendar year, their allotted range of numbers available under the Southern District's current case numbering plan, and in light of projected increases in filings for the foreseeable future, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court is directed to revise the Southern District's case numbering plan as follows:

1) Effective January 1, 2002, all Southern District case numbers will be five digits. The current scheme, which allots a specific range of numbers between 1 and 9999 to cases filed in Miami, West Palm Beach, and Fort Lauderdale, and five-digit numbers between 10,000 and 14,999 to Key West and Fort Pierce cases, will no longer be in effect after December 31, 2001.

2) Under the current plan, a case's division of origination can be determined by the first digit of its assigned number. Presently, West Palm Beach cases begin with an eight or a nine, Fort Lauderdale cases with a six or a seven, and Miami cases with zero through five. Key West and Fort Pierce cases, which are assigned five digit numbers, begin with ten or eleven (Key West) and fourteen (Fort Pierce). The new case numbering system will retain, to the extent possible, the same or a closely similar first-digit identification system.

3) Accordingly, the following revised case-numbering plan shall be adopted district-wide effective January 1, 2002. Under this plan, every case filed in the Southern District will be assigned a five-digit number, with finite ranges allotted to specific divisions as follows:

Division	Case Number Range
Key West	**10001-13999**
Fort Pierce	**14001-19999**
Miami	**20001-59999**
Fort Lauderdale	**60001-79999**
West Palm Beach	**80001-89999**

4) Although district-wide implementation of the plan will occur on January 1, 2002, those divisions, if any, that exhaust their currently-allotted ranges of case numbers prior to the end of 2001 will immediately transition to the new five-digit system. *Those divisions shall, after assigning the last case number in the currently allotted-range, assign the next case a five-digit number in the 2002 sequence, but at an interval from the beginning of the new range that reflects the filing sequence of the case: for example, if the Fort Lauderdale division assigns case number 01-7999, the next case assigned, its 2000th, will be case number 01-62000. Similarly, if Miami case number 01-5999 is assigned, the next 2001 case assigned, its 6000th, will be 01-26000.*

5) All cases filed in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, or West Palm Beach before January 1, 2002, or before the division in which they are filed exhausts its currently allotted range of 2001 case numbers, shall retain for all purposes their originally assigned four-digit number. No case filed after December 31, 2001, shall have a number beginning with zero.

This Administrative Order vacates and supercedes any prior Order on the subject of case numbers, including but not limited to Administrative Orders 86-49 and 86-50.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 1 day of October 2001.

WILLIAM J. ZLOCH
Chief United States District Judge

c: The Honorable R. Lanier Anderson, III, Chief Judge,
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