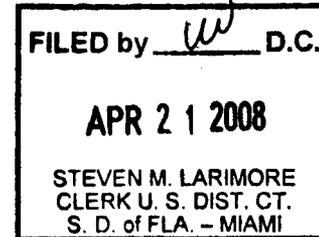


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2008-10

IN RE: ADJUSTMENT OF DEATH PENALTY/
HABEAS CORPUS BALLOTS TO ACCOUNT
FOR PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS



This Court maintains a separate wheel for assignment of death penalty/habeas corpus cases due to the unique nature and special demands of such cases. Each active District Judge is given one ballot each time the death penalty/habeas corpus wheel is refilled, and assignments are then made from that wheel until all ballots are exhausted and the wheel is refilled. This procedure was established by Administrative Order 86-54 and reiterated by Internal Operating Procedure 2.12.00. Occasionally additional assignments are received due to transfers of related cases for purposes of efficiency or due to inadvertent assignment of death penalty cases from the regular assignment wheel when the status of the case as a death penalty case was not clear at the point of the initial assignment. Resulting adjustments then need to be made in the composition of the death penalty/habeas corpus wheel to insure that the assignment of such cases remains balanced and evenly distributed among all active District Judges.

In order to provide credit for additional assignments received by the undersigned and Judge Marcia G. Cooke during the course of the administration of the current death penalty/habeas corpus wheel, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED that:

Upon the next refilling of the next death penalty/habeas corpus assignment wheel, the Clerk of Court is directed to provide the undersigned and Judge Marcia G. Cooke with one ballot credit

each for an additional death penalty case assignment already received during the course of the current wheel. Upon the exhaustion of that new wheel, the following death penalty/habeas corpus wheel shall be refilled pursuant to normal procedures, and the undersigned and Judge Cooke shall once again be included with one ballot each in the future death penalty/habeas corpus wheel.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida, this 10th day of April, 2008.



FEDERICO A. MORENO
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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