

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 86-54

IN RE:

PROCEDURE FOR ASSIGNMENT OF
HABEAS CORPUS DEATH CASES

Upon consideration by the Judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, it is,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that after careful review of all prior assignments from the special assignment wheel for habeas corpus death cases, it has been determined that the present wheel shall contain the names of the following Judges who have not had two death cases assigned to them previously:

Judge Norman C. Roettger, Jr.
Judge Alcee L. Hastings
Judge Thomas E. Scott

Once a habeas corpus death penalty case has been assigned to a District Judge, the case will remain with the assigned Judge until all proceedings have been completed. Subsequent petitions tendered for filing by the same petitioner shall be assigned a new case number assigned to the Judge who adjudicated the original petition. Case assignment credit will not be given for any subsequent filings albeit a new case number will have been given.

It being further ORDERED that any petitions pertaining to habeas corpus death cases which were previously assigned to a Senior Judge will henceforth be reassigned to an active Judge whose name has been randomly drawn by the Clerk of Court. This reassignment is to be counted as an initial assignment to the receiving Judge and credit is to be given.

It being further ORDERED that upon depletion of the present assignment wheel, the names of all active Judges will be inserted except for Judge Kehoe who has had three death cases previously assigned to him,

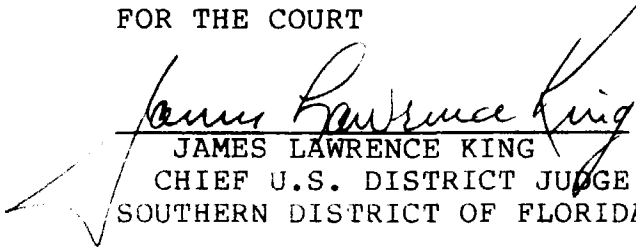
It being further ORDERED that upon depletion of the second wheel, the third assignment wheel for habeas corpus death

cases will contain the names of all active District Judges.

It being further ORDERED that the Clerk of Court will create a special death case emergency wheel containing the names of all active District Judges. This wheel is to be utilized only when the Judge drawn from the special assignment wheel for habeas corpus death cases is out of the district. The emergency Judge drawn would not be reinserted into the emergency wheel until all Judges have been drawn and the wheel refilled with all active Judges.

DONE and ORDERED in chambers at the United States Courthouse, Federal Courthouse Square, Miami, Florida, this 12th day of December 1986.

FOR THE COURT


JAMES LAWRENCE KING
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

cc: All Southern District Judges
Clerk of Court
Court Executive