

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 93-47

**IN RE: THE MATTER OF EXEMPTING
ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDERS
FROM THE TRIAL BAR REQUIREMENTS
OF THE LOCAL RULES.**

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OFFICE OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA - MIAMI
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The Federal Public Defender has brought to the Court's attention that Local Rule 11.1 and the Special Rules Governing the Admission and Practice of Attorneys require Assistant Federal Public Defenders to be members of the Trial Bar of the Southern District of Florida, even though other federal and state government lawyers are exempted from this requirement. In this sense, the Local Rules are contrary to a June 1990 recommendation of the Judicial Conference Committee on Defender Services, which specifically recommends "that districts amend such rules to extend this exemption to federal defender organization attorneys." The Federal Public Defender is the person actually appointed as counsel for a given defendant. The Office of Federal Public Defender provides training, supervision and oversight of assistant federal public defenders, affording the Court unique assurances that these lawyers are appropriately experienced to represent clients in federal court proceedings.

ACCORDINGLY, it is thereupon,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that assistant federal public defenders employed by the Office of the Federal Public Defender of the Southern District of Florida are exempt from the Trial Bar requirements of Local Rule 11.1 and the Special Rules Governing the

Admission and Practice of Attorneys, shall share the same exemption granted to government counsel pursuant to SR 4.F.2, and may appear and participate in particular actions or proceedings on behalf of the Federal Public Defender without petition for admission.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 30 day of June, 1993.


NORMAN C. ROETTGER
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: All Southern District Judges
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