

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 99-76

**IN RE: DUTY JUDGE ASSIGNMENT
SCHEDULE, FORT LAUDERDALE**

DEC 30 1999

The following is a schedule for January 2000 through December 2000, as to the Duty Judge for Fort Lauderdale. The Duty Judge's function is as follows:

1. Handle all grand jury matters. This includes convening grand juries and ruling on matters affecting those grand juries during each month's duty. Grand jury matters, and all matters reasonably related to the original grand jury matter, will be handled by the District Judge before whom the original matter was filed. The Clerk's Office will call the offices of the Duty Judge to attempt to arrange a time convenient to the Judge for the empanelment of the grand jury (if one is scheduled for that month), but if the jurors have already been summoned, the date will have to be firm and the Judge will have to adjust his or her schedule accordingly. Once the date for the empanelment is set by the Judge in consultation with the clerk, the date will have to be firm and not subject to change. Rule 6(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure makes provisions for a grand jury return to be taken by a United States Magistrate Judge. However, whether the District Judge or the Magistrate Judge will take a return will be determined by the Judge. Until Rule 6(f) is further construed, a District Judge should handle immunization of witnesses and all matters that pertain to contempt.
2. Preside over all court naturalization ceremonies and emergency naturalization matters in Fort Lauderdale.
3. Preside over matters arising from Magistrate Judges' proceedings which are not assigned to a District Judge, including but not limited to, applications for reduction of bonds and competency examinations.
4. Transfer of Probation from foreign districts.
5. Swearing in of attorneys to practice.
6. Preside over wire tap applications in matters not assigned to any District Judge, with the exception that trap-and-trace and pen register orders will continue to be handled by the Magistrate Judges. All extensions, including all matters reasonably related to the original investigation, will be handled by the District Judge who granted the original application.


7. Approval of issuance of warrants of arrest in admiralty cases in any division where the assigned Judge is out of the district or is otherwise unavailable.
8. The Duty Judge may preside over emergency petitions for writ of habeas corpus involving a petitioner's claim to immediate release, where the assigned Judge is in the district, but otherwise unavailable to rule on the petition. After ruling on the emergency relief sought, and for all other purposes and proceedings, the case shall remain on the docket of the Judge to whom it was originally assigned.
9. The Duty Judge will consider and rule upon all written and verbal requests for excuses from complying with both grand and petit jury summonses.

MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS:

January	2000	Judge William J. Zloch
February	2000	Judge Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr.
March	2000	Judge William P. Dimitrouleas
April	2000	Judge William J. Zloch
May	2000	Judge Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr.
June	2000	Judge William P. Dimitrouleas
July	2000	Judge William J. Zloch
August	2000	Judge Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr.
September	2000	Judge William P. Dimitrouleas
October	2000	Judge William J. Zloch
November	2000	Judge Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr.
December	2000	Judge William P. Dimitrouleas

The Duty Judge should be present in the district and available for handling Duty Judge matters at all times during the month assigned. If it is necessary for the Duty Judge to be out of the district for a short period of time during the assignment month, it is his or her responsibility to make arrangements with another Judge to handle all Duty Judge matters arising during the brief absence, and to notify the Chief Judge and Clerk of Court.

DONE and ORDERED in chambers at the James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building, 99 Northeast Fourth Street, Miami, Florida, this 30th day of December, 1999.



EDWARD B. DAVIS
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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