UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2007-42

IN RE: MODIFICATION OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE PAIRING ASSIGNMENT PLAN (Central Division: Fort Lauderdale)

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Administrative Order 2003-86 (amended by Administrative Orders 2003-111, 2003-114, 2006-18, and 2007-06) modified the Magistrate Judge Pairing Assignment Plan for the Central (Fort Lauderdale) and Northern (West Palm Beach and Fort Pierce) Divisions. The modifications effectuated by that Order commenced August 5, 2003, and remain in effect until further order of the Chief Judge. It is hereby

ORDERED that, commencing September 4, 2007, and until further notice, the Judges and Magistrate Judges for the Central Division will be paired as follows:

District Judge	<u>Paired Magistrate</u> s
William J. Zloch Jose A. Gonzalez	Lurana Snow
James I. Cohn	Barry Seltzer
William P. Dimitrouleas	Robin Rosenbaum

In order to effect the orderly transfer of cases in accordance with the pairing plan, the following procedures apply:

I. As of September 4, 2007, in all cases assigned to district judges with whom the magistrate judge is <u>not</u> paired, each magistrate judge shall retain until disposition all previously referred fully briefed motions. In addition, each magistrate judge shall dispose of all other referred

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motions that become ripe for disposition in such cases until all fully briefed motions have been ruled upon by the magistrate judge. Upon the magistrate judge's disposition of <u>all fully briefed motions</u> in any case assigned to a district judge with whom the magistrate judge is not paired, the magistrate judge shall certify to the district judge to whom the case is assigned that all such motions have been ruled upon and the district judge will then issue an order directing the clerk of court to transfer the case to the new "paired" magistrate judge. The magistrate judges shall use their best efforts to dispose of all referred, fully briefed motions in cases assigned to district judges with whom they are not paired within 60 days of the commencement of this order. At the conclusion of the 60 day period, each magistrate judge shall make a written status report to the Chief Judge about each such case retained from a judge with whom the magistrate judge is not paired.

Any consent trial, consent motion for summary judgment, and other "consent motion" shall remain with the magistrate judge who was assigned to the case when the consent was given.

II. In the event Magistrate Judge Rosenbaum enters an order of recusal in any criminal case, the case shall be reassigned to either Magistrate Judge Snow (even-numbered) or to Magistrate Judge Seltzer (odd-numbered). Any other recusals by Central Division (Fort Lauderdale) magistrate judges shall be randomly reassigned from the appropriate wheel.

III. District judges shall retain full discretion concerning the type and volume of matters referred. However, referrals shall be only to the "paired" magistrate judge, unless a district judge after conferring with and obtaining the agreement of the district judges with whom another magistrate

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judge is paired determines that a case or motions should be assigned to or remain with such other magistrate judge (e.g., because of a prior related case, because a magistrate judge has devoted substantial time to an unusually complex case, or for some other meritorious reason), and so notify the clerk in writing.

This Order vacates Administrative Orders 2003-86, 2003-111, 2003-114, 2006-18, and 2007-

06.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this _____

day of September, 2007.

FEDERICO A. MORENO CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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