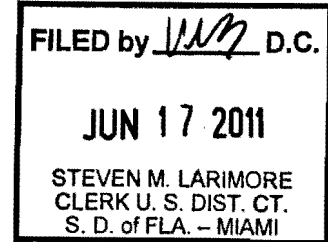


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2011-50

IN RE:

PROCEDURES GOVERNING CONTACT WITH
DISTRICT JUDGES DURING MAGISTRATE
JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PROCESS



Periodically the Court undertakes the selection of new Magistrate Judges pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631 and the regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States establishing standards and procedures for the appointment of United States Magistrate Judges. Pursuant to those authorities, the court appoints a Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel to consider applications, conduct investigations and interviews, and to forward a slate of recommended candidates to the District Judges from which a selection is made.

In order to provide direction to applicants so as to insure that the selection procedures are both uniform and fair to all, the District Judges of the Court have determined to adopt the following procedures concerning the extent of contact that is appropriate during the Magistrate Judge selection process. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that following an applicant's submission of an application to a Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel, the applicant shall not contact any District Judge of this Court regarding any aspect of the applicant's candidacy, except in response to inquiries received from a Judge. The applicant, bar members and the general public may, of course, communicate information they feel pertinent to the selection process to the appropriate Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel pursuant to procedures establish by that Panel. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as a limitation on

preliminary discussions with a District Judge about potential applicants or candidates prior to submission of an application, nor shall it be construed as a restriction on providing information in response to inquiries received from an individual District Judge throughout the selection process.

The Clerk is directed to provide this Order to each applicant.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers in Miami-Dade County Florida, this 17th day of June, 2011.



FEDERICO A. MORENO
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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