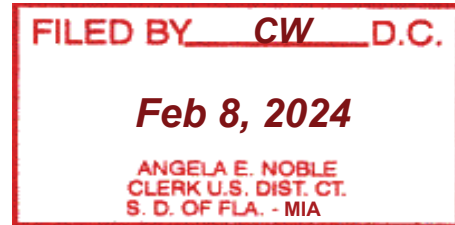


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-17

IN RE: RANDOM ASSIGNMENT OF
28 U.S.C. § 2254 CASES WITH COUNSEL TO
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES

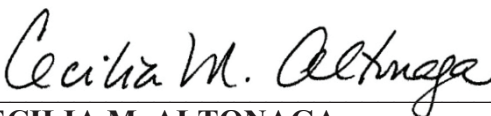


Pursuant to the authority conferred by 28 U.S.C. section 137, and to improve the efficiency and timely resolution of 28 U.S.C. section 2254 cases with counsel, it is hereby

ORDERED that all newly filed 28 U.S.C. section 2254 cases with counsel will be randomly assigned to Magistrate Judges (without paired District Judges) without regard to Division. Any party who objects to the assignment of a Magistrate Judge as the presider may opt out by filing a motion for case reassignment within the deadline given to the parties by the assigned Magistrate Judge. Upon receipt of an order granting the motion for reassignment, the Clerk will randomly reassign the case to a District Judge following the Court's standard civil case assignment procedures, keeping the original Magistrate Judge assigned to the case. It is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall begin randomly assigning all new 28 U.S.C. section 2254 cases with counsel in this manner on February 12, 2024, and until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 8th day of February 2024.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: All Southern District of Florida District Judges, Bankruptcy Judges and Magistrate Judges
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