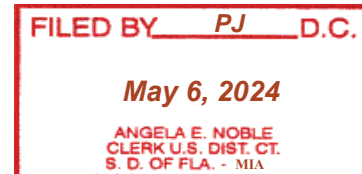


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-34

IN RE: RANDOM ASSIGNMENT OF  
CIVIL CASES SEEKING A REMEDY WITH  
IMPLICATIONS BEYOND THE PARTIES



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The Judicial Conference of the United States recently approved a new policy to encourage the random assignment of civil cases where the remedy sought has implications beyond the parties and the local community. Pursuant to Judicial Conference policy and the authority conferred by 28 U.S.C. section 137, it is

**ORDERED** that effective this date, the following newly filed cases will be randomly assigned to a District Judge and a randomly assigned Magistrate Judge without regard to Division:

1) Civil actions seeking to bar or mandate statewide enforcement of a state law, including a rule, regulation, policy, or order of the executive branch or a state agency, whether by declaratory judgment and/or any form of injunctive relief; and

2) Civil actions seeking to bar or mandate nationwide enforcement of a federal law, including a rule, regulation, policy, or order of the executive branch or a federal agency, whether by declaratory judgment and/or any form of injunctive relief.

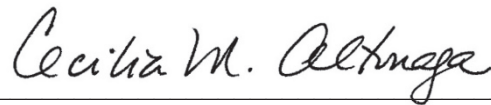
It is further **ORDERED** that the following administrative procedures are established:

A. If the described relief is sought when the case is opened, the filer shall note on the Civil Cover Sheet (Form JS-44) in section "VI. CAUSE OF ACTION" that the remedy sought has implications beyond the parties before the Court, or the case seeks to bar or mandate statewide or national enforcement of a state or federal law.

B. If such relief is sought after the case is opened, either in an amended pleading or by motion, the party seeking relief shall file a separate motion in compliance with the Local Rules, advising the Court the case qualifies under this Administrative Order for random assignment.

C. Thereupon, the District Judge to whom the case is assigned may enter an order instructing the Clerk of Court to transfer the case to a randomly assigned District Judge without regard to Division. The newly assigned District Judge may determine if the matter shall be referred to a randomly assigned Magistrate Judge or remain with the previously referred Magistrate Judge.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Miami, Florida, this 3rd day of May, 2024.



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**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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