

United States District Court Southern District of Florida



STATE OF THE COURT REPORT
2013

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA



*Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Courthouse
(Miami)*



*James Lawrence King Federal
Justice Building (Miami)*



*C. Clyde Atkins Courthouse
(Miami)*



*Sidney M. Aronovitz Courthouse
(Key West)*



*Alto Lee Adams, Sr. Courthouse
(Fort Pierce)*



*U. S. Federal Building and
Courthouse (Fort Lauderdale)*



*Paul G. Rogers Federal Building and Courthouse
(West Palm Beach)*

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MESSAGE FROM THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

"2013 – A Banner Year"

This was a banner year in the Southern District of Florida, with many firsts and high rankings. Once again, our Court ranked first in the nation in total trials among the 94 District Courts, and first in jury trials. Our Court ranked second nationally in productivity rankings. The Clerk's Office was equally effective in various areas, such as ranking first among large Courts in the Jury Utilization Index.

These numbers only tell part of the story. The Clerk's Office staff of the Southern District of Florida carried on in 2013 despite the daunting uncertainty of the federal budget that shut down the rest of the federal government in October and that brought the federal judiciary to within a day of shut down itself. It is not easy to focus on the job at hand and get work done under such circumstances. Clerk's Office staff not only succeeded – but excelled – showing their true colors and spirit of public service!

This Annual Report focuses on the highlights of the year – the exceptional work of our Judges in moving the huge caseload of the Southern District in a timely and efficient manner; the many events where the Court hosted the bar and promoted collegiality within the legal community; the many projects that the Clerk's Office completed to make the Court's work more efficient for the benefit of the public; and finally, the individual star performers of the year.

But I would submit that our most telling achievement goes beyond what is demonstrated on these pages. Numbers only tell a portion of the story. Productivity means nothing unless customer service is also delivered with the right attitude. And that is probably what I am most proud of – the fact that the members of the Clerk's Office of the Southern District persevered through adversity in 2013 with a smile, a positive attitude and a willingness to do right by the bar and the public at all times.



Steven M. Larimore
Court Administrator • Clerk of Court



THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA: A RICH HISTORY

1845 Congress organizes Florida as one judicial district, authorizes one judgeship. **1846** Isaac H. Bronson appointed as first Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Florida. **1847** Congress divides Florida into Southern and Northern Districts; Judge Bronson is assigned to the Northern; William Marvin is appointed first judge of the Southern District. **1864** Thomas J. Boynton is appointed to replace Judge Marvin. **1871** John McKinney is appointed to replace Judge Boynton. **1872** James W. Locke appointed to replace Judge McKinney. **1879** First federal courthouse for Southern District of Florida built in Tampa. **1906** Court sits in Miami for the first time. **1912** Judge Locke retires after 40 years of service. **1913** Rhydon M. Call appointed to replace Judge Locke. **1914** First permanent structure for the Southern District Court built in Miami. **1922** Temporary judgeship authorized for Southern District. **1924** Lake Jones appointed. **1929** Additional judgeship authorized; Alexander Akerman appointed to fill new seat; Halsted R. Lockwood replaces Judge Call. **1930** Additional judgeship authorized for Southern District. **1931** Louie W. Strum appointed to fill new seat. **1933** New Miami Federal Courthouse completed, still in use today; United States District Court for the Southern District sits in Orlando for the first time. **1934** John W. Holland appointed to replace Judge Ritter. **1935** Court sits in Fort Pierce for the first time. **1940** William J. Barker fills seat vacated by Judge Akerman; One temporary judgeship authorized to serve both Northern



and Southern Districts; Curtis L. Waller is appointed to temporary seat. **1943** Dozier A. Devane replaces Judge Waller. **1949** One additional judgeship authorized to serve the Southern and Northern District of Florida. **1950** George W. Whitehurst appointed by Harry Truman to fill new seat; Judge Strum appointed to Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, replaced by John Milton Bryan Simpson. **1952** Court sits in West Palm Beach and Fort Myers for the first time. **1954** Additional judgeship authorized; Emmet Choate appointed. **1956** Joseph P. Lieb appointed to replace Judge Holland. **1961** William A. McRae, Jr., replaces Judge Barker; two additional judgeships authorized; David W. Dyer appointed to new seat; George C. Young replaces Judge Whitehurst. **1962** Congress establishes Middle District of Florida, transfers three Southern District judgeships to Middle District. **1963** Charles B. Fulton appointed to new seat. **1965** William O. Mehrtens appointed to replace Judge Choate. **1966** Two additional judgeships authorized, filled by C. Clyde Atkins and Ted Cabot; Judge Dyer appointed to Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. **1967** Joe Eaton replaces Judge Dyer. **1970** Two additional judgeships authorized; filled by Peter T. Fay and James Lawrence King. **1972** Norman C. Roettger, Jr. appointed to replace Judge Cabot. **1973** Staffed divisional office of the Southern District opened in Fort Lauderdale. **1974** Federal courthouse in West Palm Beach opens.

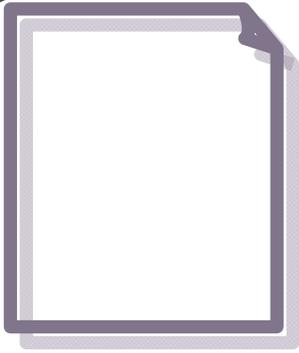
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA: A RICH HISTORY

1976 Sidney M. Aronovitz replaces Judge Mehrtens; federal courthouse in Fort Lauderdale is completed; Judge Fay appointed to Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. **1977** William M. Hoeveler replaces Judge Fay. **1978** Five additional judgeships authorized for Southern District of Florida; Jose A. Gonzalez, Jr., appointed to replace Judge Fulton. **1979** Edward B. Davis, James W. Kehoe, James C. Paine, Eugene P. Spellman and Alcee L. Hastings fill new seats. **1980** Congress assigns Southern District to newly-established Eleventh Circuit. **1983** Lenore Carrero Nesbitt replaces Judge Atkins; Federal Courthouse Tower in Miami opened. **1984** Three additional judgeships authorized. **1985** Stanley Marcus, Thomas E. Scott, Jr., and William J. Zloch fill new seats. **1986** Kenneth L. Ryskamp replaces Judge Eaton. **1990** Federico A. Moreno replaces Judge Hastings; additional judgeship authorized. **1991** Donald L. Graham replaces Judge Aronovitz; Shelby Highsmith replaces Judge Scott. **1992** K. Michael Moore replaces Judge Spellman; Ursula M. Ungaro-Benages appointed to new seat. **1993** Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr., replaces Judge Hoeveler; Federal Justice Center completed in Miami. **1994** Daniel T. K. Hurley replaces Judge Paine. **1995** Joan A. Lenard replaces Judge King. **1996** Federal Justice Center renamed James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building. **1997** Judge Marcus appointed to Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals; Donald M. Middlebrooks replaces Judge Kehoe; Alan S. Gold replaces Judge Gonzalez. **1998** William P. Dimitrouleas replaces Judge



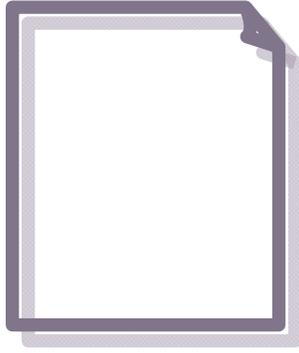
Roettger; Patricia A. Seitz replaces Judge Marcus. **1999** Adalberto J. Jordan replaces Judge Nesbitt. **2000** Paul C. Huck replaces Judge Ryskamp. Judge Davis retires after 21 years of service. **2001** Additional judgeship authorized for Southern District. Kenneth A. Marra fills new seat; Judge Nesbitt passes away after 18 years of service on the bench. **2002** Jose E. Martinez replaces Judge Davis; One temporary judgeship authorized for the Southern District. James I. Cohn fills temporary seat; **2003** Cecilia M. Altonaga replaces Judge Highsmith; Judge Roettger passes away after 31 years of service on the bench; Judge Ferguson passes away after 10 years of service on the bench. **2004** Marcia G. Cooke replaces Judge Ferguson. **2007** New Federal Courthouse opens in Miami, Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse. **2008** United States Courthouse in Miami renamed C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse. **2009** Judge Highsmith retires after 18 years of service. **2010** U.S. Post Office, Custom House, and Courthouse in Key West renamed Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse; Judge Paine passes away after 31 years on the bench. **2011** Kathleen M. Williams replaces Judge Hurley; Robert N. Scola, Jr. replaces Judge Huck. **2012** Robin S. Rosenbaum replaces Judge Gold; Judge Jordan elevated to Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

THE JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT—DISTRICT JUDGES



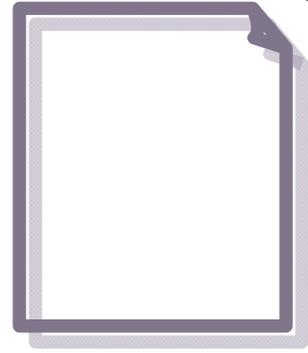
Chief Judge Federico A. Moreno

Nominated by: President George H. W. Bush
Commission Date: July 16, 1990
J.D. University of Miami School of Law, 1978
University of Notre Dame, B.A., 1974



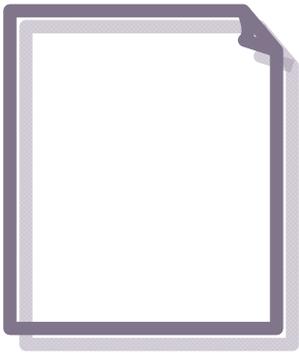
Judge William J. Zloch

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Commission Date: November 4, 1985
J.D. Notre Dame Law School, 1974
University of Notre Dame, B.A., 1966



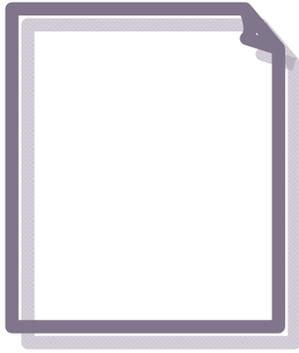
Judge K. Michael Moore

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Commission Date: February 10, 1992
J.D. Fordham University School of Law, 1976
B.A. Florida State University, 1972



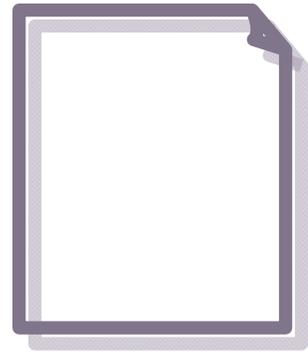
Judge Ursula Ungaro

Nominated by: President George H. W. Bush
Commission Date: October 9, 1992
J.D. University of Florida College of Law, 1975
B.A. University of Miami, 1973



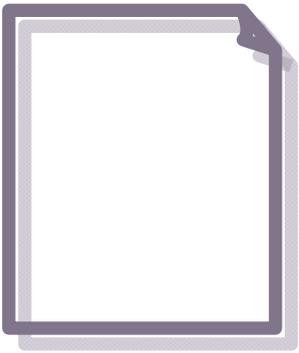
Judge Joan A. Lenard

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Commission Date: December 26, 1995
J.D. Antioch School of Law, 1976
B.A. Roger Williams College 1973



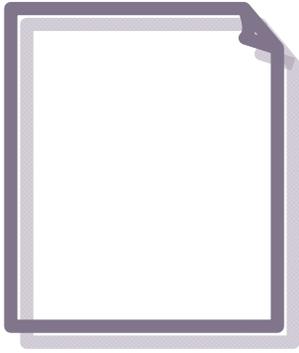
Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks

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Commission Date: May 27, 1997
J.D. University of Florida College of Law, 1972
B.S., B.A. University of Florida, 1968



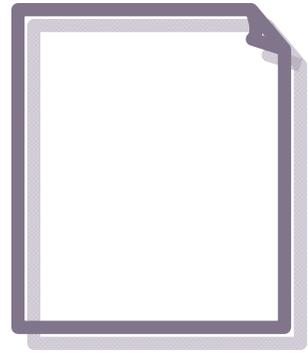
Judge William P. Dimitrouleas

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Commission Date: May 22, 1998
J.D. University of Florida College of Law, 1975
B.A. Furman University, 1973



Judge Kenneth A. Marra

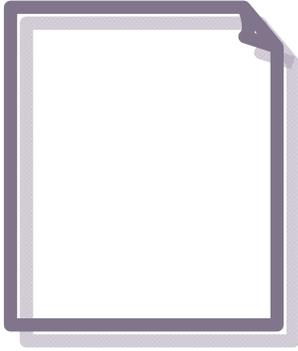
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Commission Date: September 13, 2002
J.D. Stetson University College of Law, 1977
B.A. State University of New York
at Stony Brook, 1973



Judge Jose E. Martinez

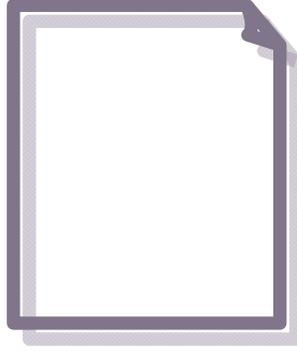
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J.D. University of Miami School of Law, 1965
B.B.A. University of Miami, 1962

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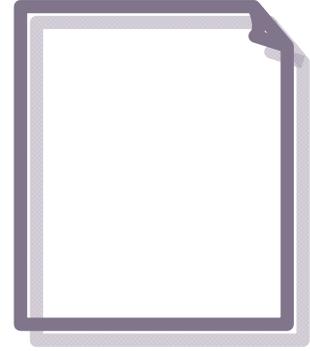
Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga

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J.D. Yale University of Law, 1986
B.A. Florida International University, 1983



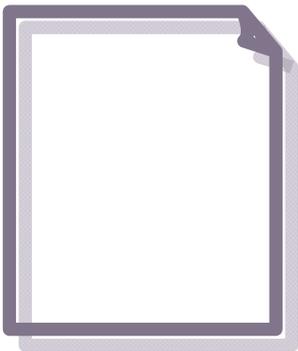
Judge James I. Cohn

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J.D. Cumberland Law School, 1974
B.A. University of Alabama, 1971



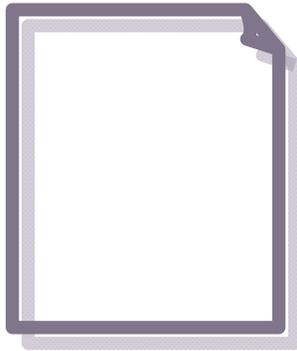
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J.D. Wayne State University Law School, 1977
B.S.F.S. Georgetown University, 1975



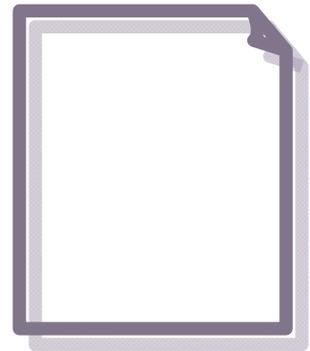
Judge Kathleen M. Williams

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Commission Date: August 4, 2011
University of Miami School of Law, J.D., 1982
Duke University, B.A., 1978



Judge Robert N. Scola, Jr.

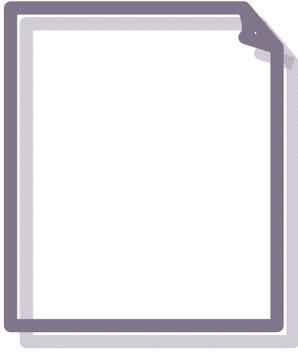
Nominated by: President Barack Obama
Commission Date: October 20, 2011
Boston College Law School, J.D., 1980
Brown University, B.A., 1977



Judge Robin S. Rosenbaum

Nominated by: President Barack Obama
Commission Date: June 27, 2012
Cornell University, B.A., 1988
University of Miami School of Law, J.D., 1991

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Senior Judge James Lawrence King

Nominated by: President Richard M. Nixon

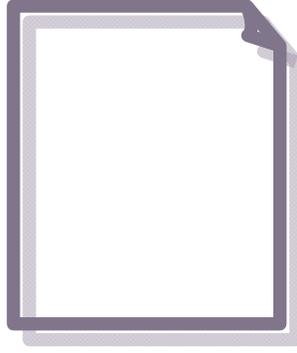
Commission Date: October 19, 1970

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, St. Thomas University, 1992

LL.B. University of Florida College of Law, 1953

B.A.E. University of Florida, 1949

A.A. University of Florida, 1947



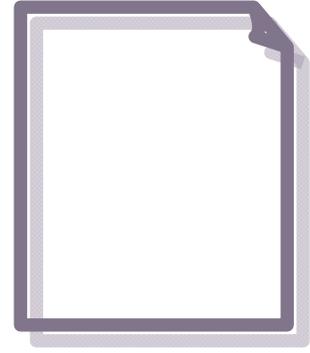
Senior Judge William M. Hoeveler

Nominated by: President Jimmy Carter

Commission Date: April 27, 1977

LL.B. Harvard University School of Law, 1950

B.A. Bucknell University, 1947



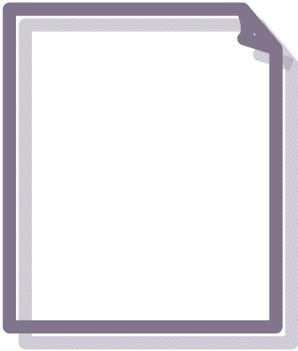
Senior Judge Jose A. Gonzalez, Jr.

Nominated by: President Jimmy Carter

Commission Date: July 28, 1978

J.D. University of Florida College of Law, 1957

B.A. University of Florida, 1952



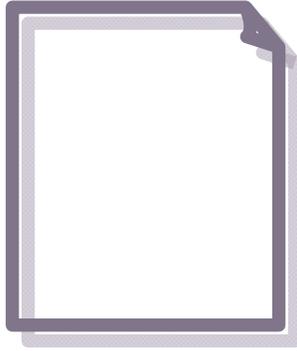
Senior Judge Kenneth L. Ryskamp

Nominated by: President Ronald W. Reagan

Commission Date: April 24, 1986

LL.B. University of Miami School of Law, 1956

A.B. Calvin College, 1955



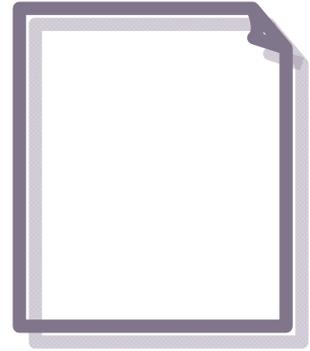
Senior Judge Donald L. Graham

Nominated by: President George H. W. Bush

Commission Date: September 16, 1991

J.D. The Ohio State University College of Law, 1974

B.A. West Virginia State University, 1971



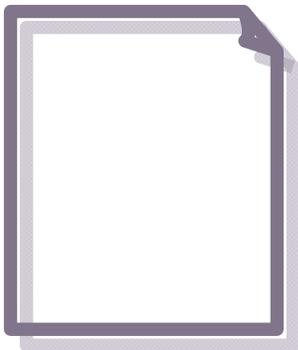
Senior Judge Daniel T. K. Hurley

Nominated by: President William J. Clinton

Commission Date: March 11, 1994

J.D. George Washington University National Law Center, 1968

A.B. Saint Anselm's College, 1964



Senior Judge Alan S. Gold

Nominated by: President William J. Clinton

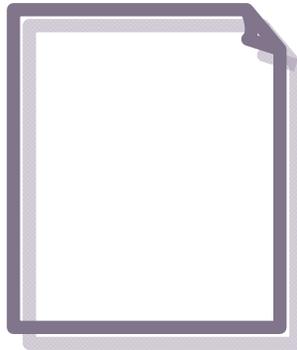
Commission Date: July 1, 1997

LL.M. University of Miami School of Law, 1974

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B.A. University of Florida, 1966

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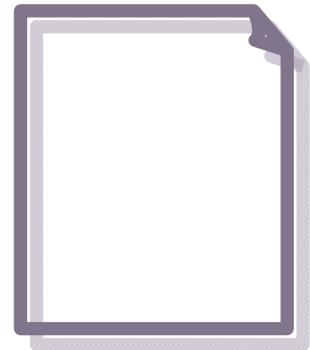
Senior Judge Patricia A. Seitz

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Commission Date: October 1, 1998

J.D. Georgetown University Law Center, 1973

B.A. Kansas State University, Manhattan 1968



Senior Judge Paul C. Huck

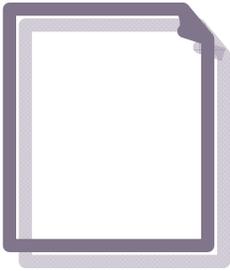
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Commission Date: July 11, 2000

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B.A. University of Florida, 1962

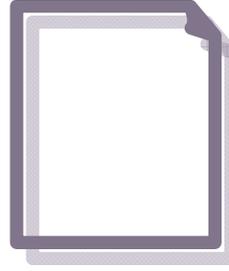
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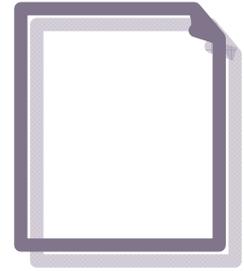
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Initial Appointment:
March 18, 1991



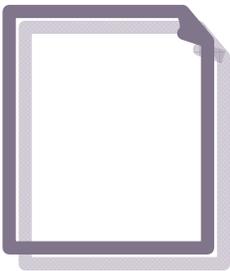
**Magistrate Judge
William C. Turnoff**
Initial Appointment:
February 24, 1986



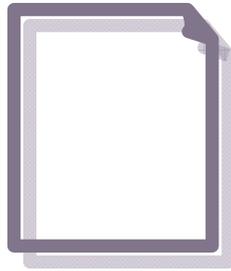
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March 10, 1986



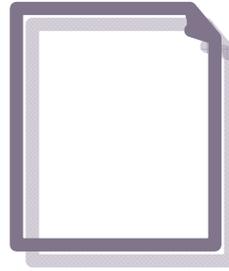
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Initial Appointment:
February 18, 1993



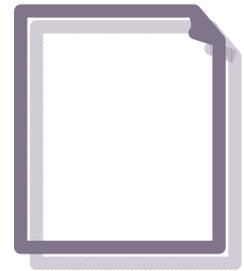
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April 1, 1999



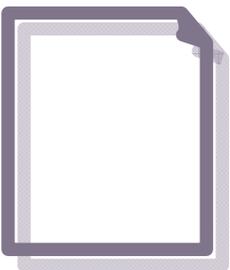
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John J. O'Sullivan**
Initial Appointment:
April 1, 1999



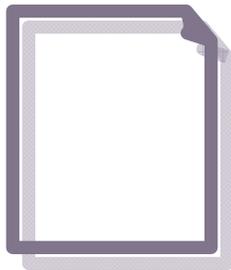
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Patrick A. White**
Initial Appointment:
April 2, 2003



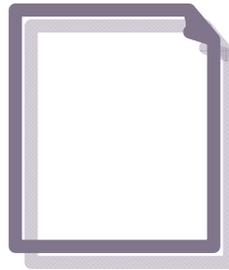
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James M. Hopkins**
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October 15, 2003



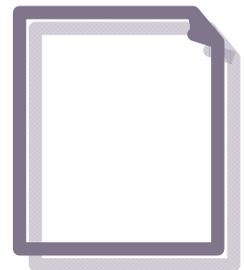
**Magistrate Judge
Edwin G. Torres**
Initial Appointment:
October 31, 2003



**Magistrate Judge
Chris M. McAliley**
Initial Appointment:
March 25, 2004

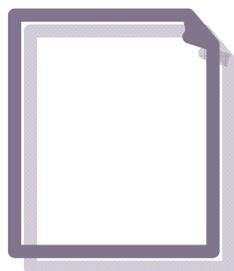


**Magistrate Judge
Jonathan Goodman**
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July 23, 2010

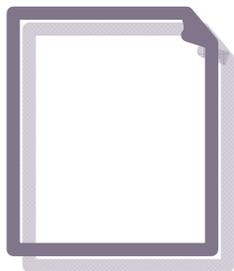


**Magistrate Judge
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Initial Appointment:
February 24, 2012

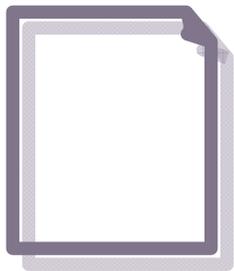
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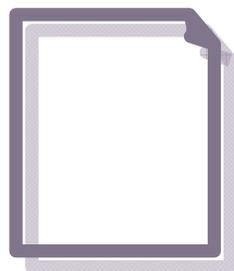
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Alicia M. Otazo-Reyes**
Initial Appointment:
April 12, 2012



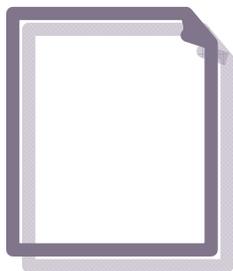
**Magistrate Judge
William Matthewman**
Initial Appointment:
July 2, 2012



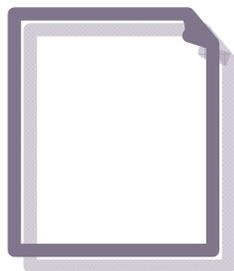
**Magistrate Judge
Patrick M. Hunt**
Initial Appointment:
January 28, 2013



**Magistrate Judge
Alicia O. Valle**
Initial Appointment:
August 9, 2013



**Magistrate Judge
Peter R. Palermo**
Initial Appointment:
January 15, 1971
Recalled



**Magistrate Judge
Robert L. Dubé**
Initial Appointment:
March 25, 1996
Recalled



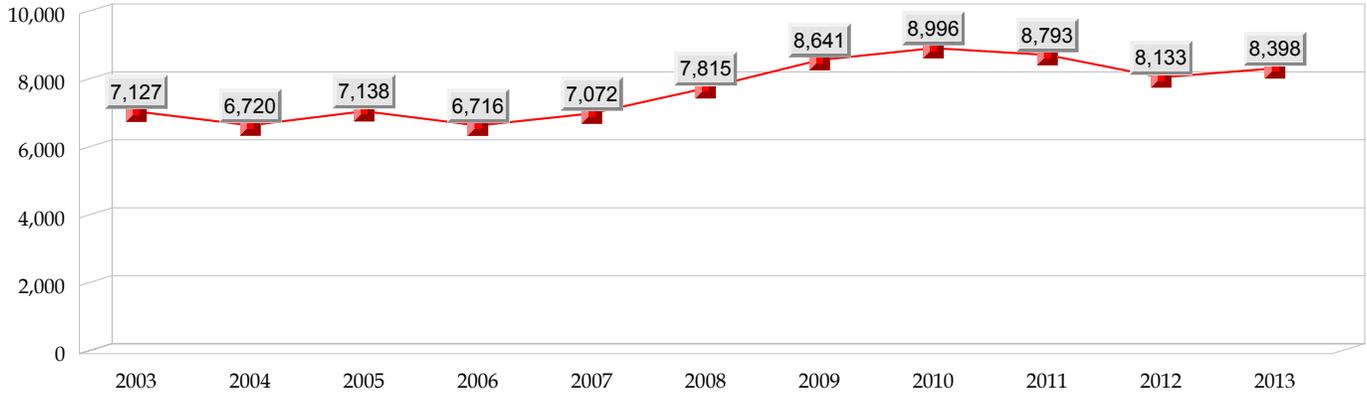
**Magistrate Judge
Barry L. Garber**
Initial Appointment:
September 18, 1991
Recalled

STATISTICAL CHARTS AND GRAPHS OF COURT OPERATIONS

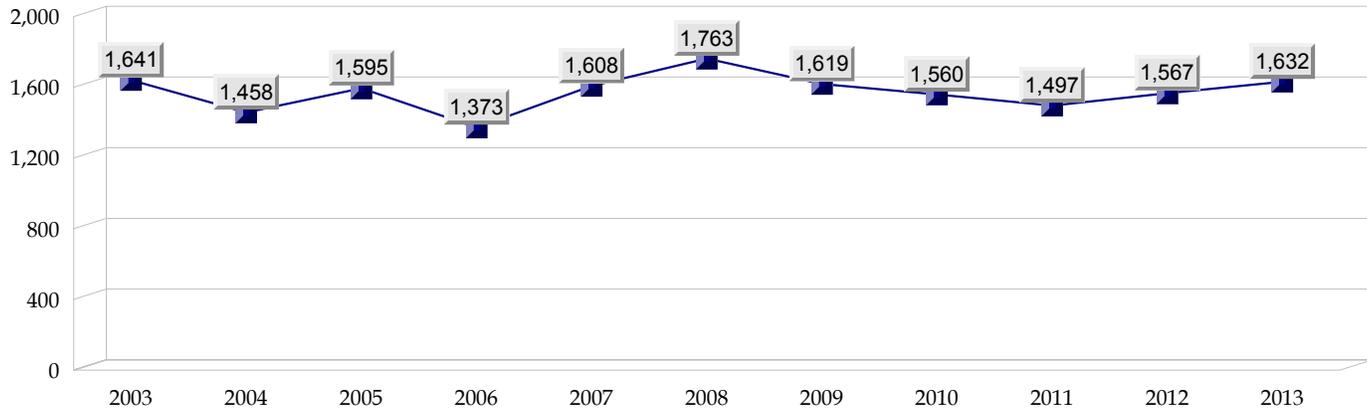
TOTAL FILINGS

Case Filings Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

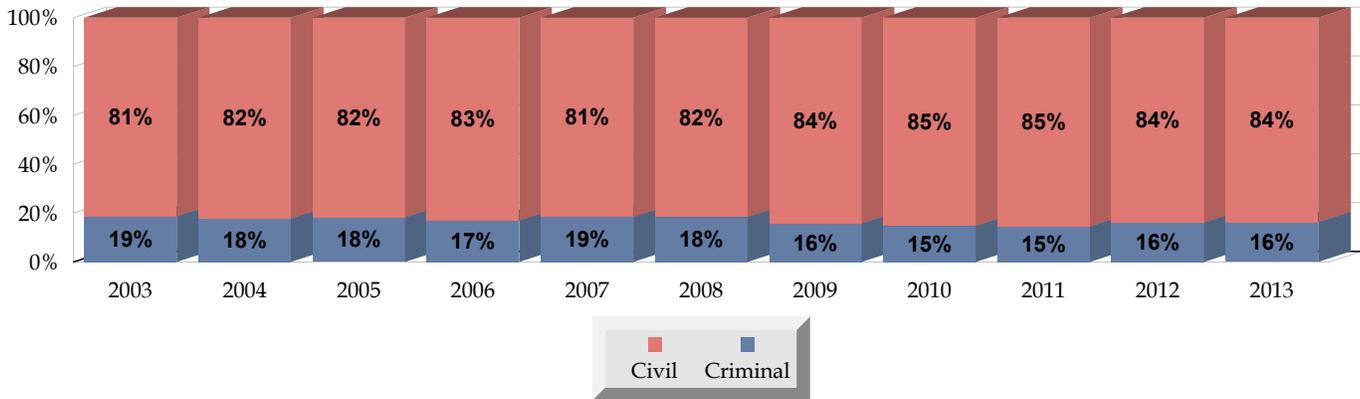
Civil Filings



Criminal Filings



Share of Total Filings



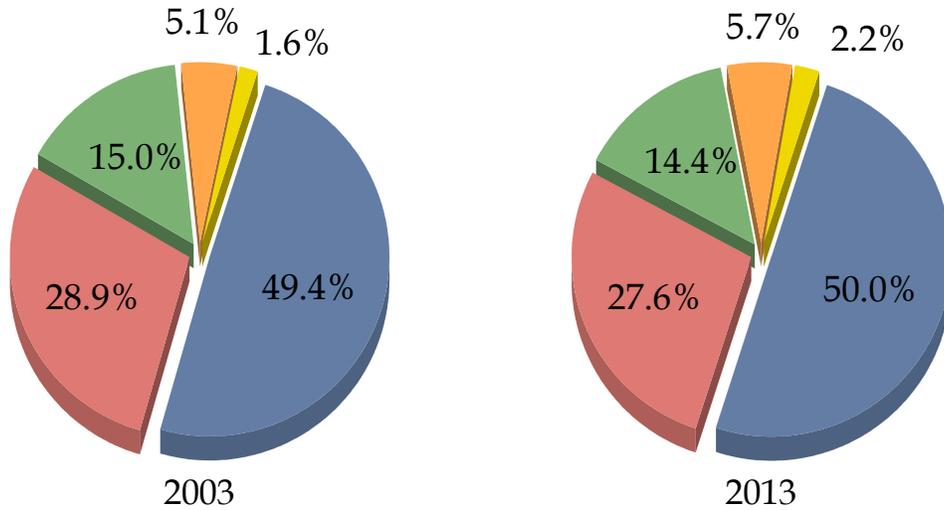
Notes: Includes original and reopen filings. Excludes misc. filings.

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts (2003-2013). Tables: C, D.

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STATISTICS – TOTAL FILINGS

Civil and Criminal Filings by Division
Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



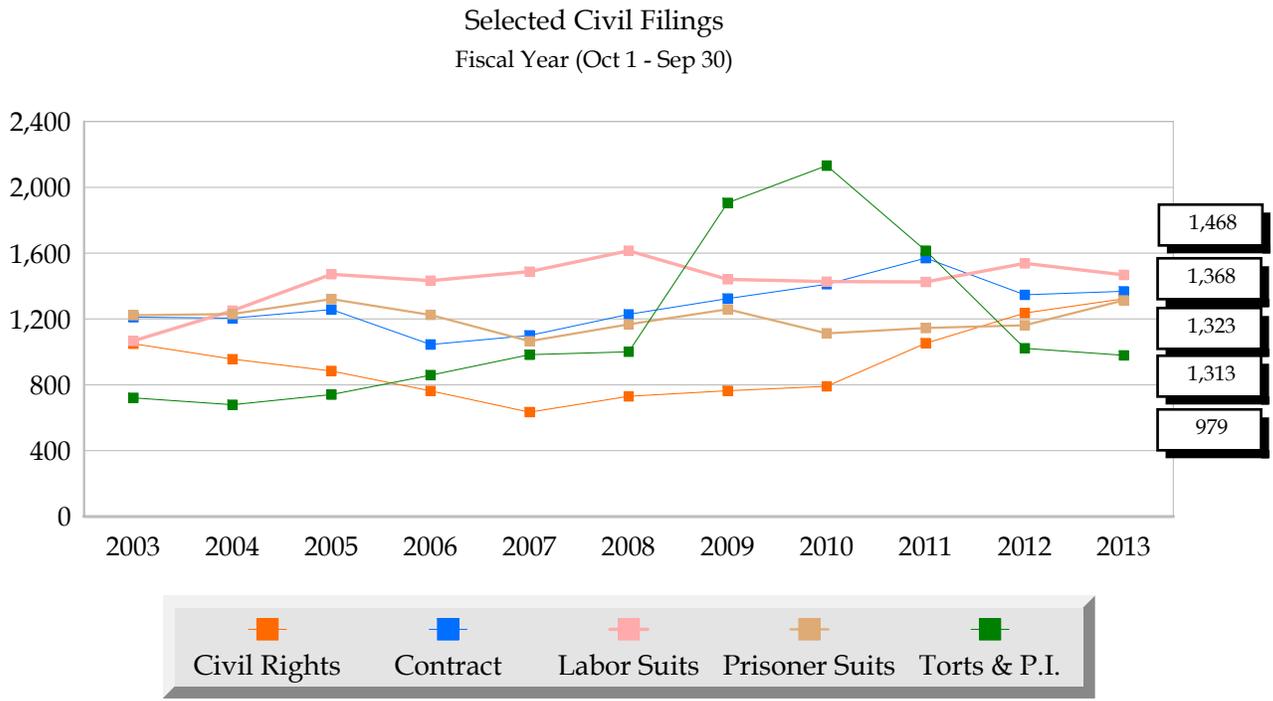
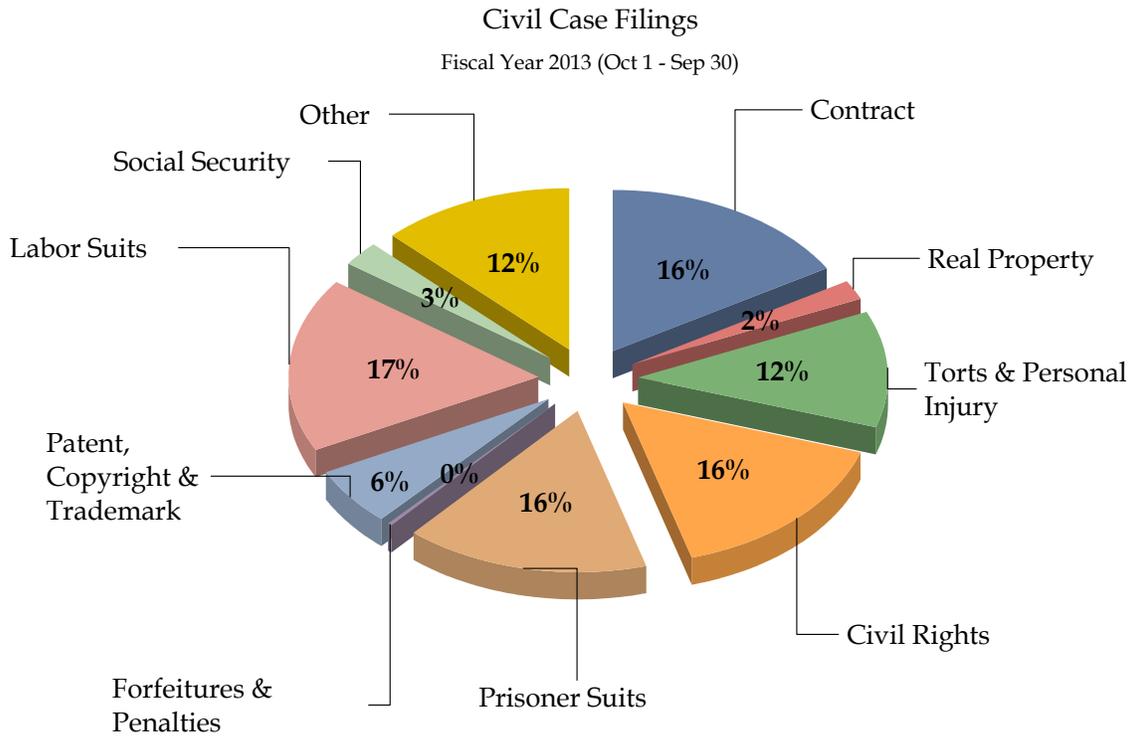
	Civil Filings			Criminal Filings			Total Filings		
	2003	2013	Change	2003	2013	Change	2003	2013	Change
Miami	3,270	4,065	24.3%	1,060	952	-10.2%	4,330	5,017	15.9%
Ft. Lauderdale	2,234	2,458	10.0%	303	314	3.6%	2,537	2,772	9.3%
West Palm Beach	1,147	1,202	4.8%	170	242	42.4%	1,317	1,444	9.6%
Ft. Pierce	371	498	34.2%	72	77	6.9%	443	575	29.8%
Key West	105	175	66.7%	36	47	30.6%	141	222	57.4%
District	7,127	8,398	17.8%	1,641	1,632	-0.5%	8,768	10,030	14.4%

Notes: Includes original and reopen filings. Excludes misc. filings.

Source: CM/ECF; Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts (2003,2013). Tables: C, D.

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STATISTICS - CIVIL



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STATISTICS – CIVIL

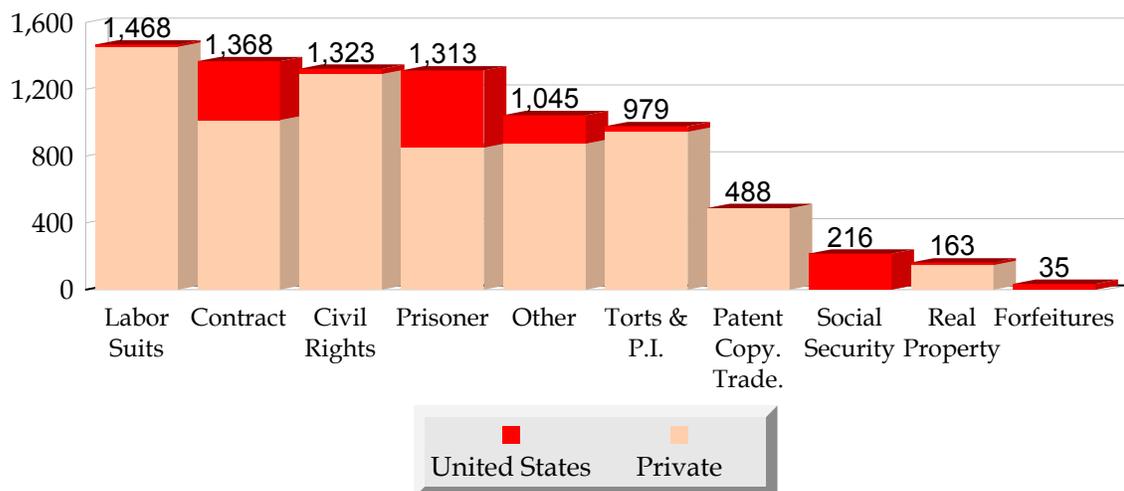
Civil Filings

Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

	2012	2013	Change
Civil Rights	1,236	1,323	7.0%
Contract	1,347	1,368	1.6%
Forfeitures & Penalties	32	35	9.4%
Labor Suits	1,538	1,468	-4.6%
Patent, Copyright & Trademark	377	488	29.4%
Prisoner Suits	1,162	1,313	13.0%
Real Property	105	163	55.2%
Social Security	226	216	-4.4%
Torts & Personal Injury	1,022	979	-4.2%
Other	1,088	1,045	-4.0%
Total	8,133	8,398	3.3%

Civil Filings

Fiscal Year 2013 (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



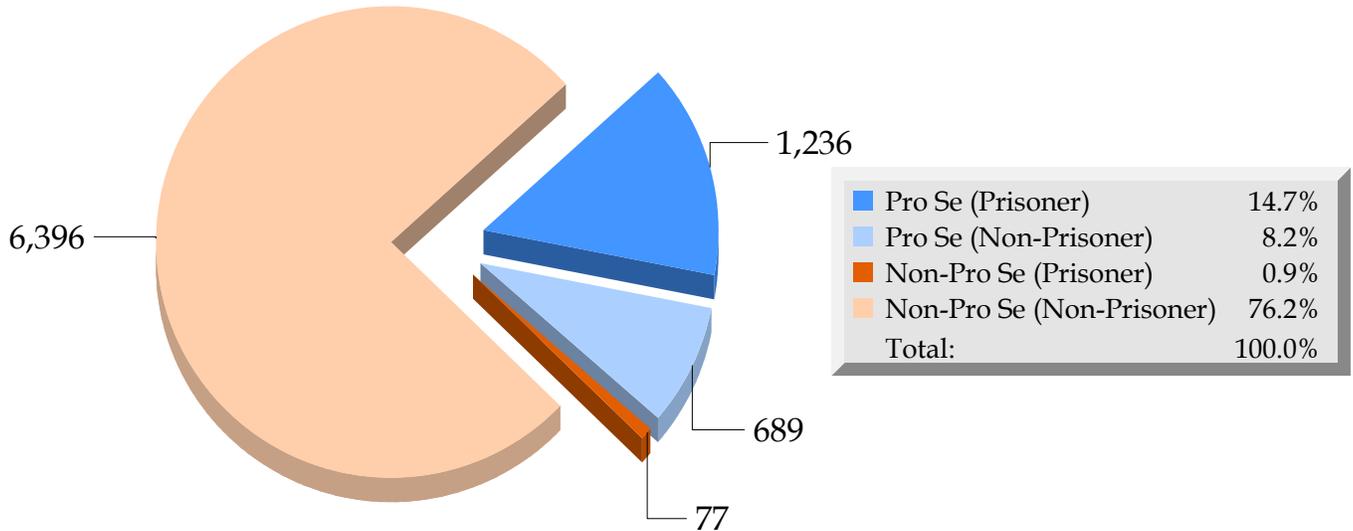
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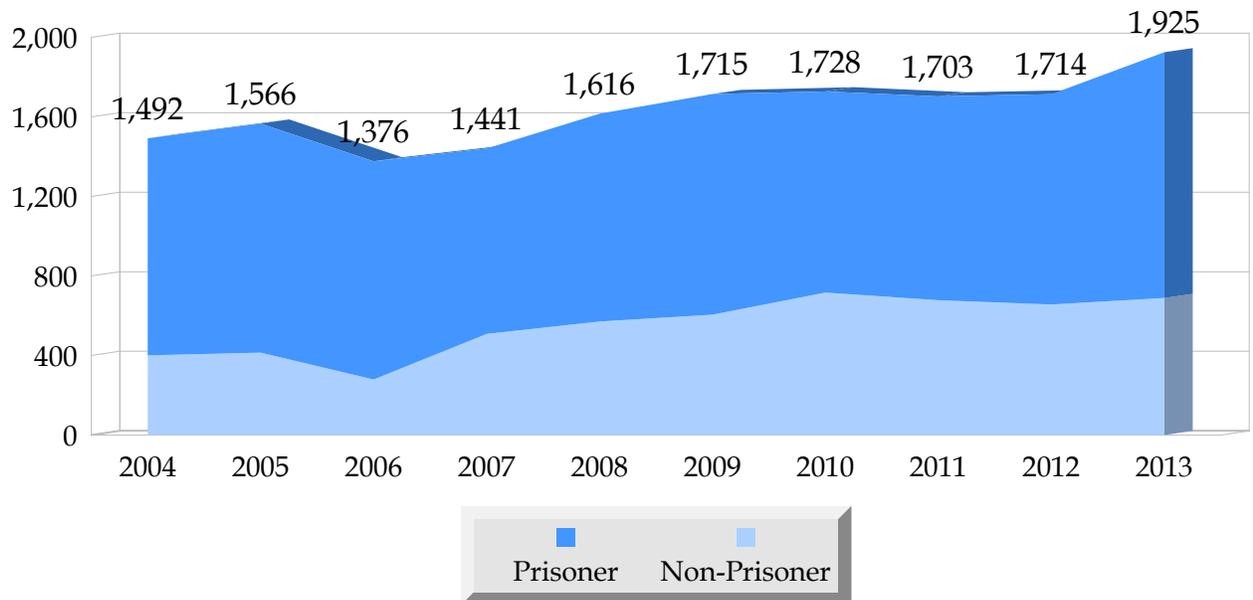
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STATISTICS – CIVIL

Pro Se Case Filings
Fiscal Year 2013 (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



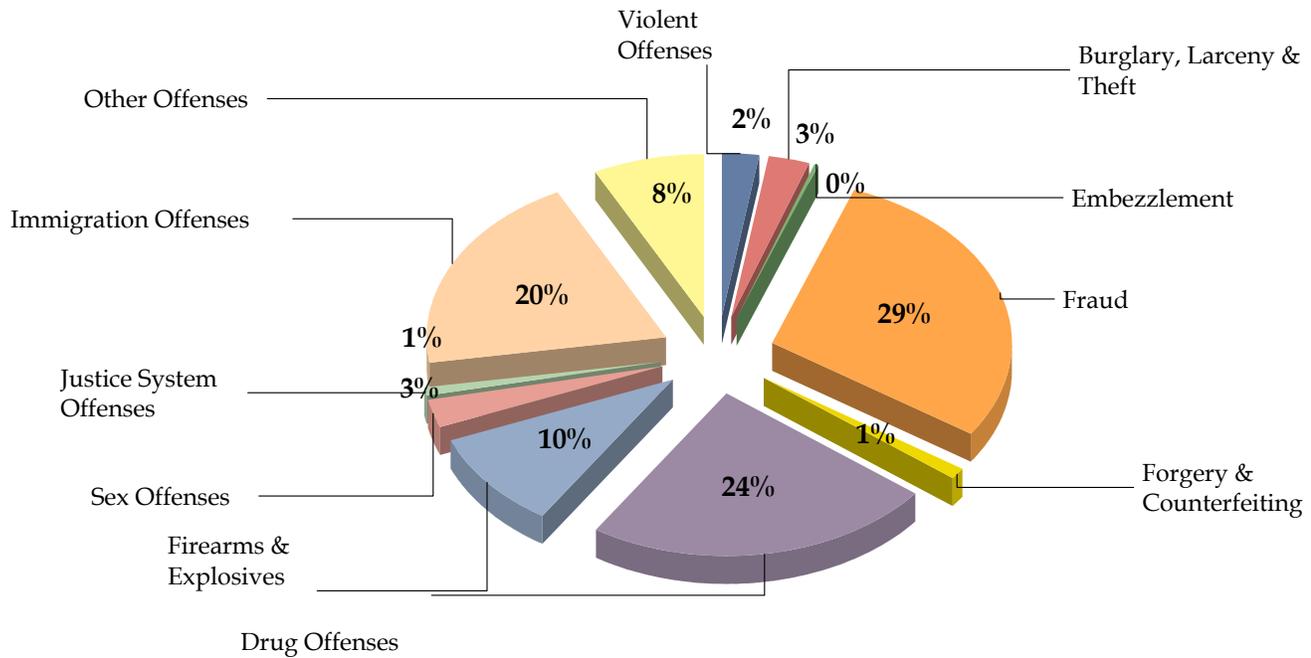
Pro Se Case Filings
Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



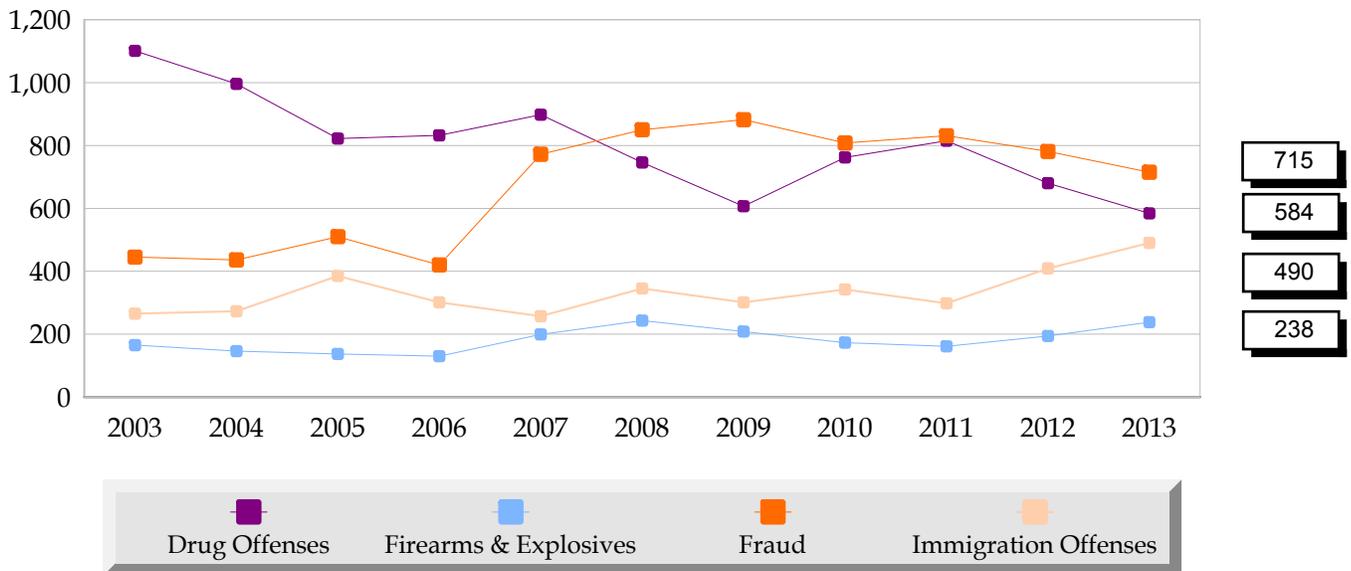
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STATISTICS - CRIMINAL

Criminal Defendant Filings
Fiscal Year 2013 (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



Selected Criminal Defendant Filings
Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts (2003-2013). Tables: D,D-3.
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STATISTICS – CRIMINAL

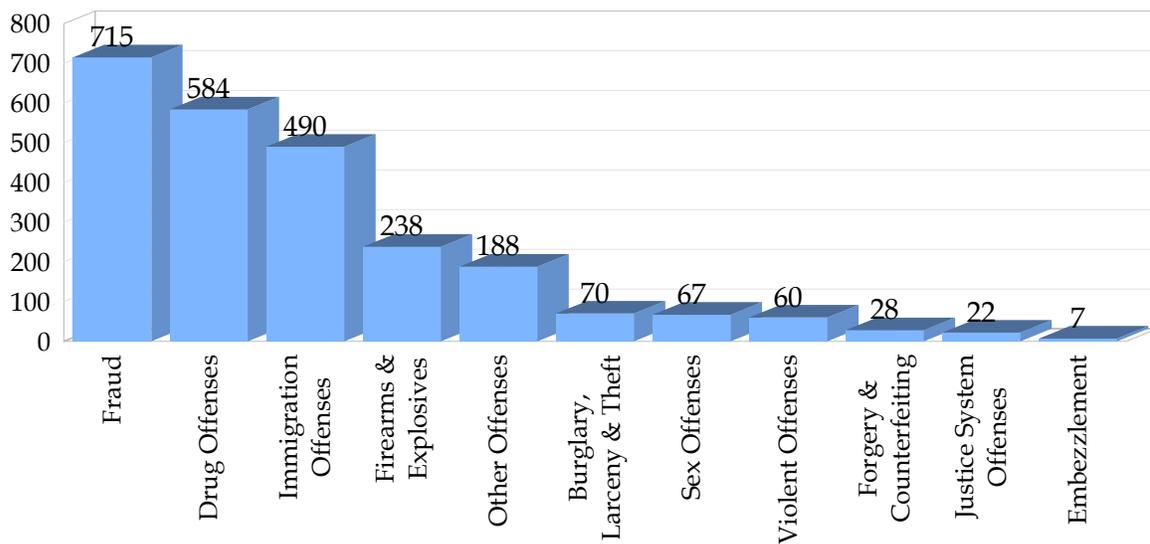
Criminal Defendant Filings

Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

	2012	2013	Change
Burglary, Larceny & Theft	83	70	-15.7%
Drug Offenses	680	584	-14.1%
Embezzlement	3	7	133.3%
Firearms & Explosives	194	238	22.7%
Forgery & Counterfeiting	37	28	-24.3%
Fraud	781	715	-8.5%
Immigration Offenses	409	490	19.8%
Justice System Offenses	41	22	-46.3%
Sex Offenses	56	67	19.6%
Violent Offenses	89	60	-32.6%
Other	179	188	5.0%
Total	2,552	2,469	-3.3%

Criminal Defendant Filings

Fiscal Year 2013 (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

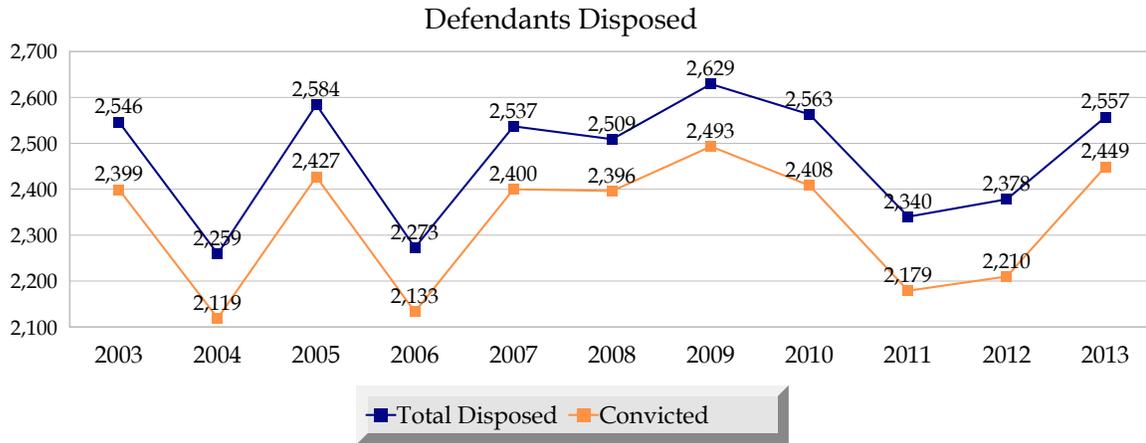


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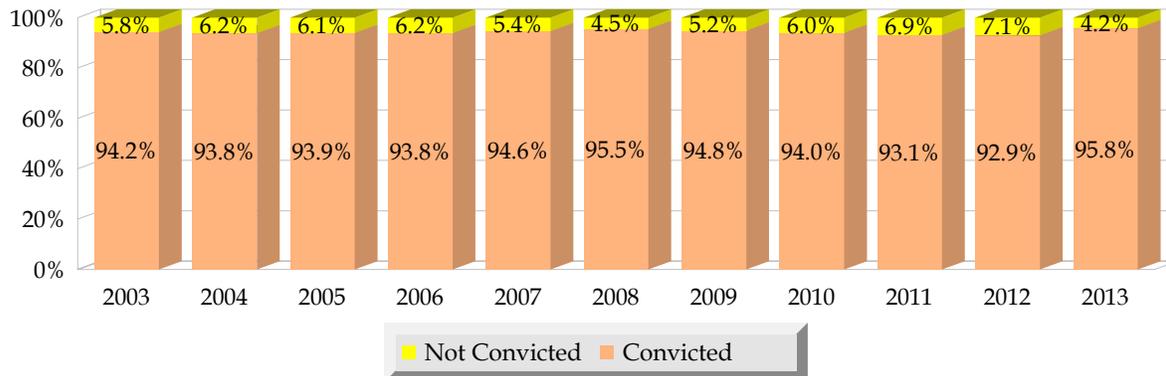
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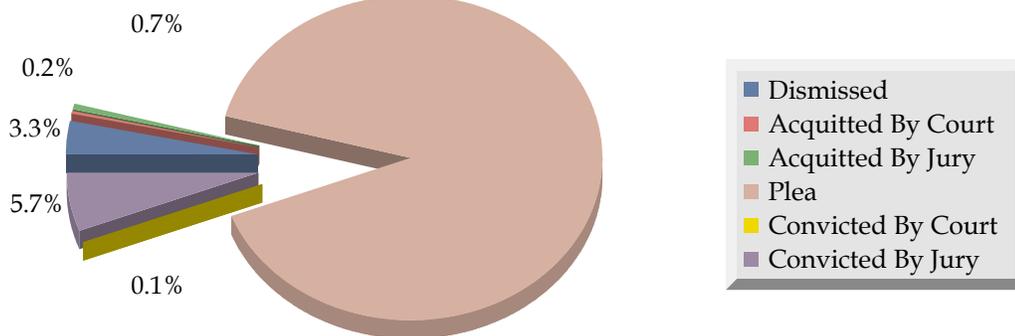
Criminal Defendants Disposed
Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



Rates of Conviction



Criminal Defendants Disposed
Fiscal Year 2013 (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



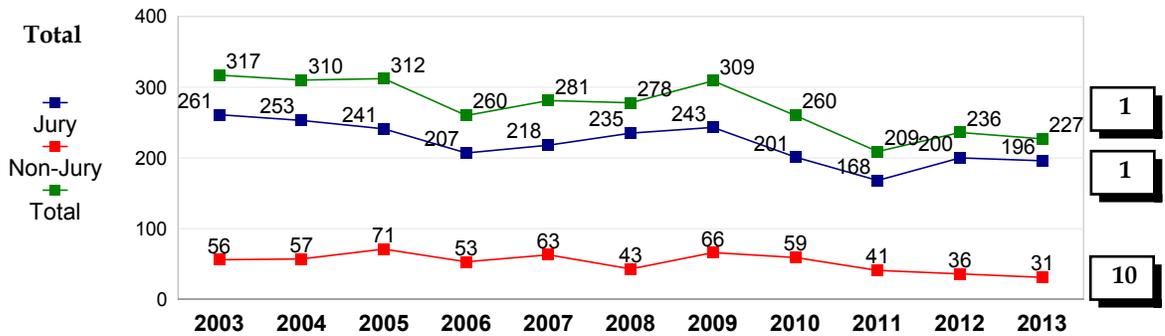
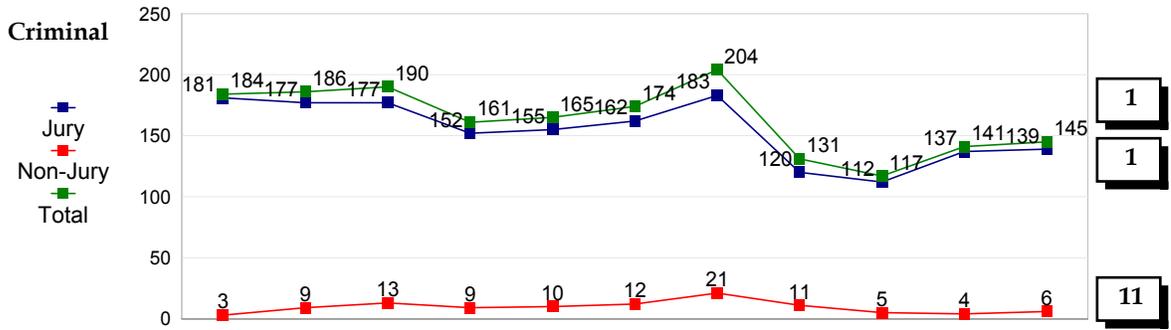
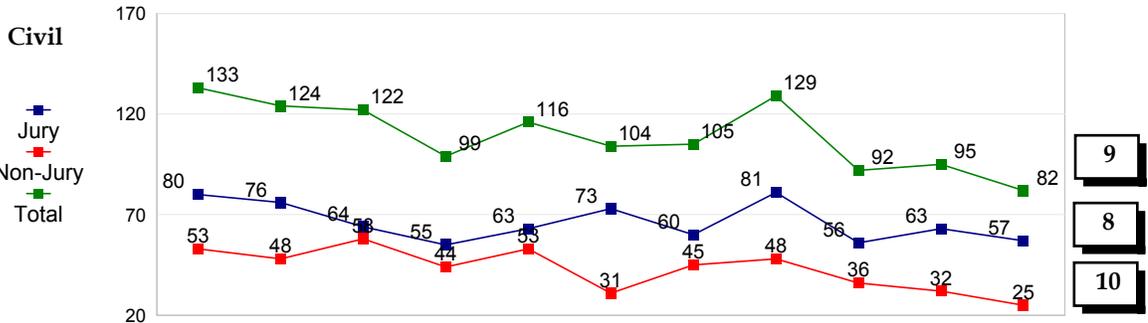
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STATISTICS - TRIALS

Jury and Non-Jury Trials Completed

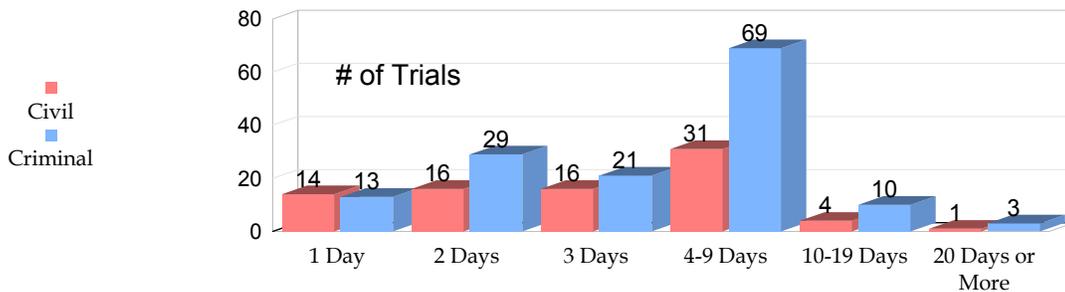
Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

National Rank



Trial Length

Fiscal Year 2013 (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



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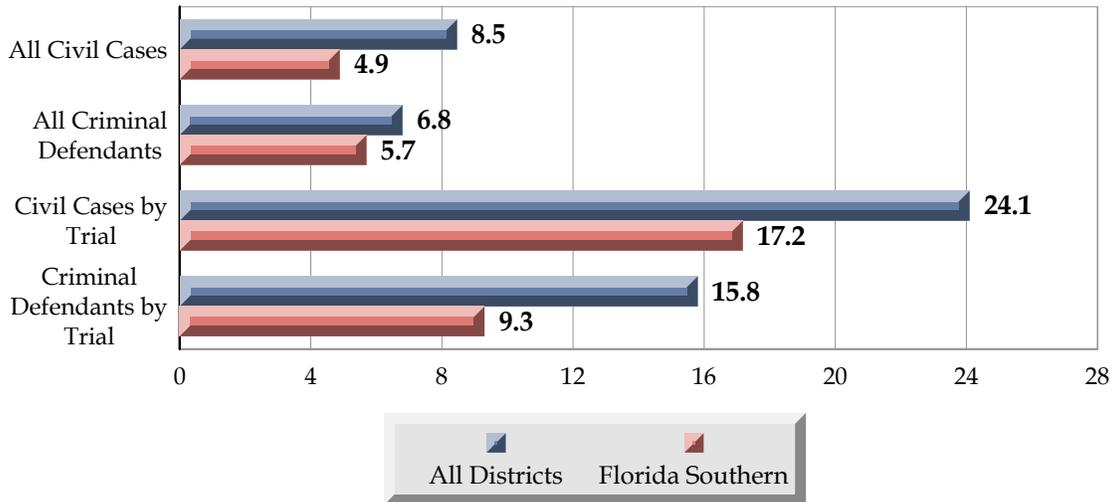
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STATISTICS – DISPOSITION TIMES

Median Months Filing to Disposition

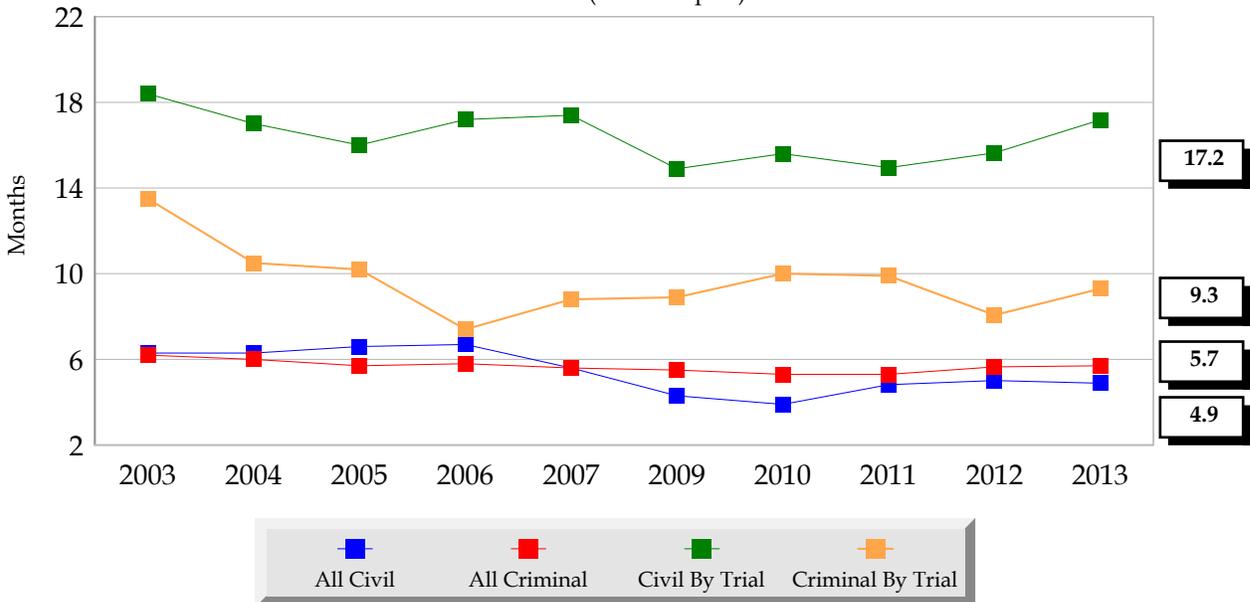
Disposition Time Comparison

Fiscal Year 2013 (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



Disposition Time - Florida Southern

Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



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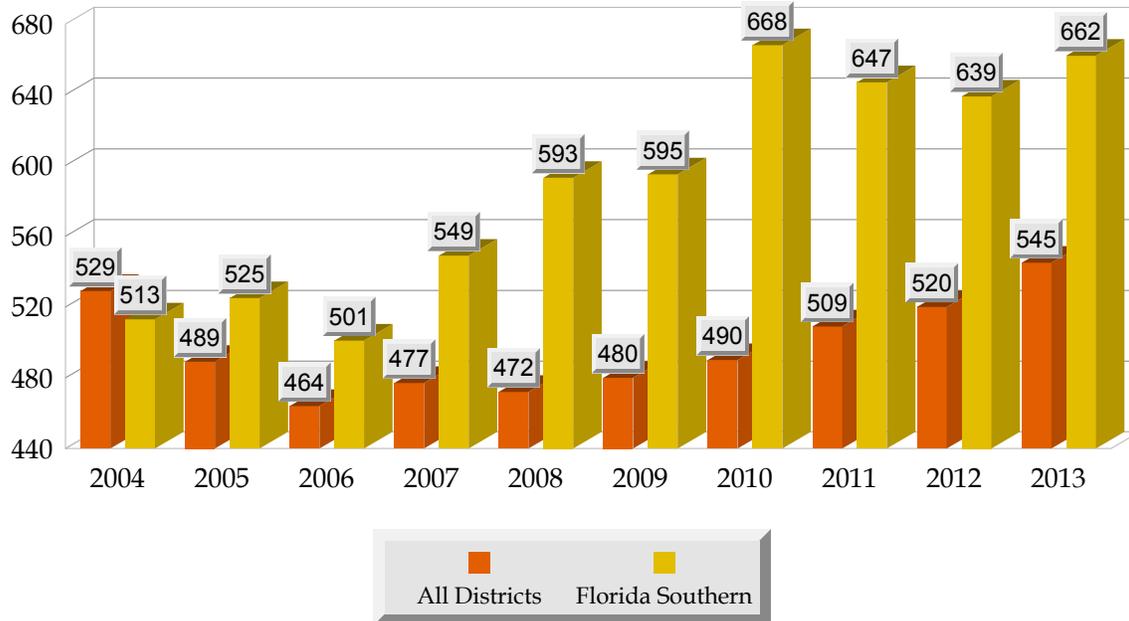
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STATISTICS – WEIGHTED FILINGS

Weighted Filings per Authorized Judgeship

Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

Weighted Filings Comparison



Weighted Filings Detail - Florida Southern

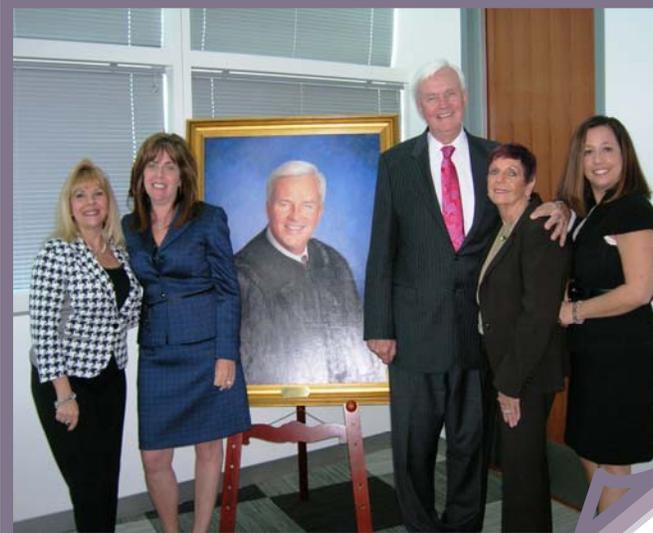
Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Criminal</u>	<u>Supervised Release</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>National Rank</u>
2004	388	122	2.88	513	40
2005	410	112	3.36	525	26
2006	390	107	3.62	501	28
2007	413	133	2.90	549	16
2008	451	139	3.19	593	9
2009	470	122	3.61	595	11
2010	540	124	3.47	668	8
2011	511	133	3.30	647	13
2012	507	128	3.52	639	13
2013	537	121	3.50	662	12

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts (2004-2013). Table: X-1A.

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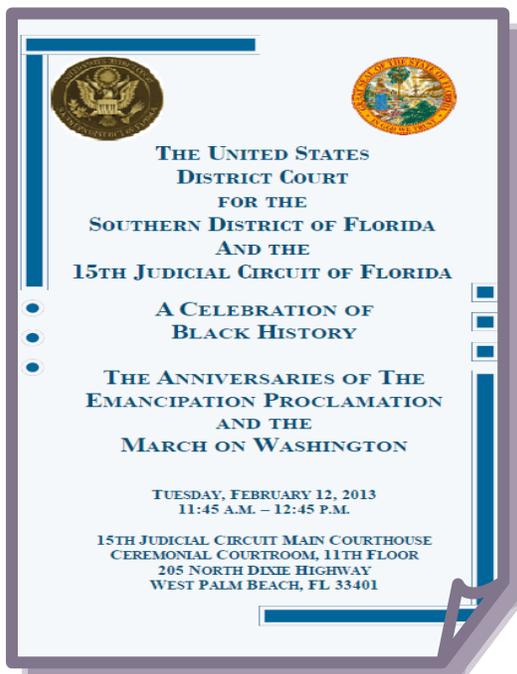
SPECIAL EVENTS AND OCCASIONS



**Magistrate Judge
Ted E. Bandstra's Retirement**
January 2013



**Congressional Swearing-in Ceremony with
Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Lois Frankel and
Frederica Wilson**
January 14, 2013



Black History Month Celebration and Black History Month Panel
February 12, 2013

SPECIAL EVENTS AND OCCASIONS



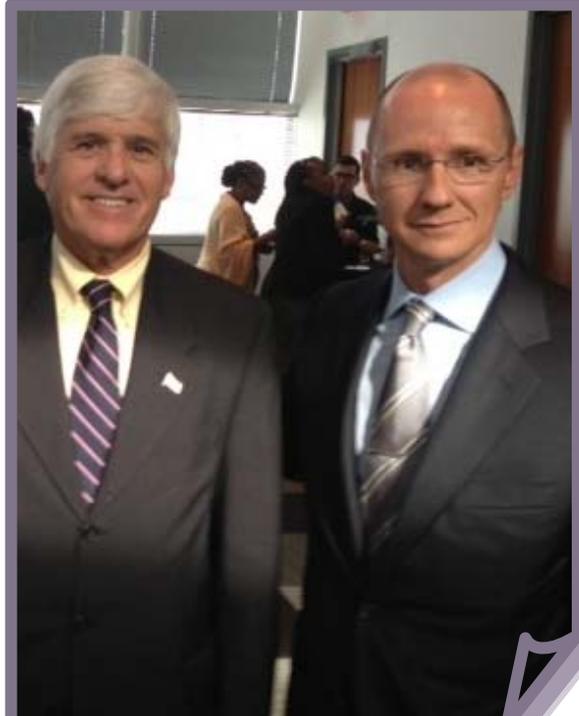
**Magistrate Judge
Robert L. Dubé's Retirement
March 14, 2013**



**Judge Joe Eaton Unsung Hero Award
Detra Shaw-Wilder
April 9, 2013**



**Reception for Court
Committee Members
William Hearon
April 9, 2013**



**Reception for Court
Committee Members
Kevin Jacobs
April 9, 2013**

**Reception for Court
Committee Members
John Delionado (not shown)
April 9, 2013**

SPECIAL EVENTS AND OCCASIONS



Reception for Court
Committee Members
John Mariani
April 9, 2013



Reception for Court
Committee Members
David Rothman
April 9, 2013



University of Miami Luncheon with
Coach Al Golden
April 24, 2013



Magistrate Judge
Patrick M. Hunt's Investiture
May 10, 2013

SPECIAL EVENTS AND OCCASIONS



**Eugene P. Spellman Award Recipients:
CJA Attorney of Excellence Award
David Markus and Thomas F. Almon
June 21, 2013**



**National Bar Association Reception
July 29, 2013**

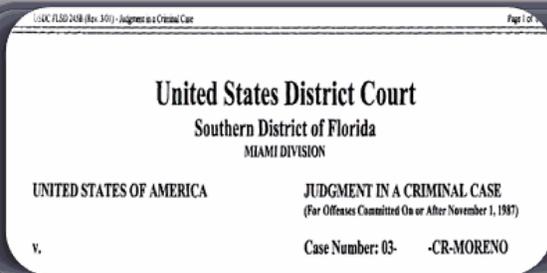


**Circuit Judge Rosemary Barkett's Reception
September 24, 2013**



**Magistrate Judge Alicia O. Valle
Investiture
November 15, 2013**

PRIORITY PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Electronic J&C Program

The Clerk's Office implemented a locally developed electronic program to streamline the creation of Judgment and Commitment (J&C) Orders.

Bankruptcy 101

A new training titled "Introduction to Bankruptcy Filings" was designed for Operations Staff exploring the purpose behind bankruptcy law, how it is structured, ways in which bankruptcy petitions are litigated, and the types of proceedings that make it to the District Court.



GSA Excess Furniture

The Clerk's Office Procurement section implemented a new process using the "GSAXcess" program to surplus or dispose of unneeded furniture and equipment at almost no cost to the Court.

Security Training

All Clerk's Office, Court and Probation personnel (over 300 in all), were trained on emergency security procedures with the help and assistance of the United States Marshals Service.

PRIORITY PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Stop One

This project aimed to stop inefficient or unnecessary processes within the Court. Forty-two staff suggestions for operational or procedural changes were developed resulting in increased efficiencies and reduced labor costs.



Chambers Electronic Organizer (CEO)

CEO, a new CM/ECF integrated calendaring system, was implemented in over 95% of Chambers within the District. Because CEO integrates automatically with CM/ECF, significant time savings and efficiencies resulted.



Major Records Archiving Initiative

This effort resulted in the disposal or archival of legacy paper records across the District freeing up almost 3,000 linear feet of shelf space.



Court Registry Investment System (CRIS)

Over \$25 million in registry deposits for 2,100 cases were moved from a private banking vendor to the AO sponsored Court Registry Investment System, resulting in improved security and investments in the Treasury Government Account Series (GAS) securities through the Bureau of Public Debt.

PRIORITY PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

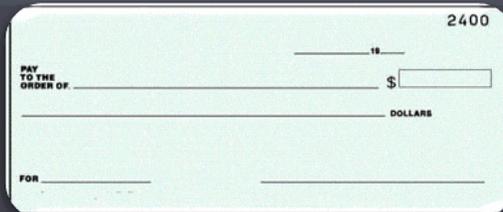


e-Quip

The Clerk's Office implemented this program, developed by the Middle District of Louisiana. E-Quip saves time and resources by allowing quality control work to be prioritized and the quality of dockets improved.

Telephone Interpreting Program (TIP)

The Court Interpreting section continued to expand use of the telephone interpreting in the District, with almost all magistrate hearings in Key West and Fort Pierce now being covered via TIP. A huge time and cost saver.



OTC Net

The Financial section implemented the Over the Counter Channel Application (OTC Net) in 2013. OTC Net enables electronic deposit processing and provides quicker access to deposit, debit vouchers and discrepancy information.