

THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 08-1
(Court Administration)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 08-14

IN RE: REASSIGNMENT AND
CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC
DEFENDER'S MOTIONS TO APPOINT
OTHER COUNSEL IN UNAPPOINTED
NONCAPITAL FELONY CASES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 2.215, Rules of Judicial Administration, the Chief Judge is authorized to exercise administrative supervision over all courts within the judicial circuit in the exercise of judicial powers and over the judges and officers of the courts; and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of such judicial powers, the Chief Judge may adopt administrative orders to effectuate the efficient and proper administration of all courts within the circuit and to effect the prompt disposition of cases; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2008, the Honorable Bennett H. Brummer, Public Defender for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, filed identical motions seeking to have the court appoint other counsel in unappointed noncapital felony cases, due to the Public Defender's alleged conflicts of interest with pending and future cases, with identical appendices in the following actions: *State of Florida v. Munoz*, Case No. F08-2314 (Judge John Thornton); *State of Florida v. McIntyre*, Case No. F08-5820 (Judge Bertila Soto); and *State of Florida v. Andujar*, Case No. F08-5109 (Judge Ellen Leesfield); and

WHEREAS, the undersigned Chief Judge finds it necessary to reassign and consolidate such motions under one section of the Circuit Court Criminal Division to effectuate the prompt disposition of these motions and to control the court's dockets;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. The Public Defender's motions to appoint other counsel in unappointed noncapital felony cases due to conflict of interest filed in *State of Florida v. Munoz*, Case No. F08-2314 (Judge John Thornton), *State of Florida v. McIntyre*, Case No. F08-5820 (Judge Bertila Soto), and *State of Florida v. Andujar*, Case No. F08-5109 (Judge Ellen Leesfield) are hereby reassigned and consolidated under Section CF 61 of the Circuit Court Criminal Division, before the Honorable Stanford Blake, Administrative Judge, Circuit Court Criminal Division.

2. The Clerk of the Court is hereby directed to appropriately reflect the reassignment and consolidation of the motions in the official court records and upon request from Judge Blake to forward to him any and all documents filed in connection with said motions.

3. It is further ordered that all similar or identical motions filed by the Public Defender in future unappointed noncapital felony cases be reassigned and consolidated before Judge Blake.

This Order shall become effective immediately upon signing, and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this 26 day of JUNE, 2008.



JOSEPH P. FARINA, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA