

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Administrative Order 85-27

IN RE: UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL
OF FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

Over the years a practice has developed, in the various courthouses occupied by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, for individuals to move items of furniture, furnishings and equipment from unoccupied chambers and offices, for use in their own office. This practice of helping one's self to furniture, furnishings and equipment, without prior approval, has destroyed the ability of the court to adequately furnish visiting Circuit and District Judge chambers, conference rooms, courtrooms and offices for visiting and temporary staff. The practice must cease.

Under the direction of the Clerk of Court, chambers in the old United States Courthouse have been cleaned, painted and furnished with furniture, lamps, typewriters and other items of equipment, in anticipation of the visit to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida of approximately 14 visiting judges over the next eight months. It is obviously futile to make these extensive preparations only to find a day or two later that someone has gone into these otherwise unoccupied chambers and removed the furniture, furnishings or equipment.

The court has considered the problem and unanimously directed the Chief Judge of this court to

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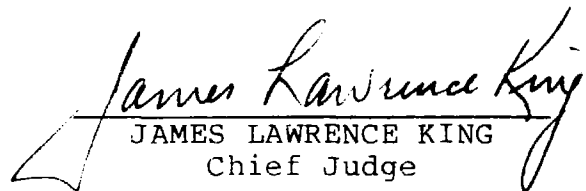
ORDER, ADJUDGE and DECREE

1. That the practice of unauthorized removal of furniture, furnishings or equipment from one chambers, courtroom or office to another cease forthwith. Requests for the temporary assignment from one office, chambers or courtroom to another area of the United States Courthouse in any of the five United States Courthouses in the Southern District of Florida, shall be made in writing to the Clerk of Court, with the reasons for the necessity thereof stated in the request.

2. Any item of furniture, furnishings or equipment removed without the prior approval of the Clerk of Court, shall subject the person or persons responsible for the removal to dismissal.

3. This order shall be effective immediately, and pertain to all personnel employed by or connected with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, including, but not limited to, the Office of the Clerk, the Probation Office, the Pre-trial Services Office, the U.S. Marshal's Office, the Federal Public Defender's Office, and the U.S. Attorney's Office (insofar as they occupy space in any of the five courthouses in the Southern District of Florida).

DONE and ORDERED in chambers at the United States Courthouse, Federal Courthouse Square, Miami, Florida, this 26th day of July 1985.


JAMES LAWRENCE KING
Chief Judge

cc: All Southern District Judges
Clerk of Court
Court Executive
Probation
Pre-trial Services
U.S. Marshal
Federal Public Deender