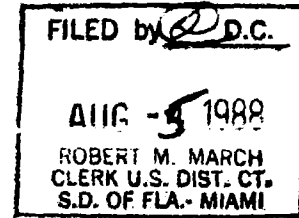


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 88-27

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CASES
PRESENTLY PENDING OR TO BE
ASSIGNED IN THE DIVISION OF THE
HONORABLE ALCEE L. HASTINGS



The Honorable Alcee L. Hastings has asked to be relieved of certain responsibilities and duties concerning the assignment of cases to his division of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Upon consideration it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Clerk of this Court be and he is hereby directed to implement the policies set for in the attached memorandum dated August 4, 1988, and to prepare such Administrative Orders as may be necessary to carry out this policy for the signature of the Chief Judge.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at the United States Courthouse, Federal Courthouse Square, Miami, Florida, this 5th day of August, 1988.



JAMES LAWRENCE KING
CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Southern District Judges
District Executive
Clerk of Court

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

CHAMBERS OF
CHIEF JUDGE

August 4, 1988

To: All Southern District Judges

Judge Alcee L. Hastings and I have met and discussed the administration of those cases presently pending in his division of United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Although he would like to continue to fully discharge the heavy responsibilities of the office of a United States District Judge in this district, he recognizes that his time and energies will be diverted to some extent in the forthcoming months by the action taken by the United States House of Representatives August 3, 1988. For these reasons he has requested to be relieved of some of his responsibilities as outlined hereafter.

1. At the request, and with the approval of all counsel, he will continue to preside over the category IV criminal case of United States vs. Joseph Indelcato, Case No. 87-383-CR-HASTINGS until its conclusion.
2. United States vs. Ruiz, Case No. 88-127-CR-HASTINGS, a category IV criminal case estimated to require approximately 25 trial days will be reassigned to the calendar of the Honorable Thomas E. Scott for trial and all further proceedings.
3. All other criminal cases presently pending in Judge Hastings' division will be randomly assigned by the Clerk of Court to the thirteen active Judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Judges Hastings and Scott will be excluded from this random assignment.
4. Effective immediately, and at his request, Judge Hastings will be relieved from assignment of all civil and criminal cases until further order of the court. Those civil and criminal cases that would have been assigned to the calendar of Judge Hastings will be randomly assigned by the Clerk of Court under the established policy of this district to all of the active Judges of the district except, of course, Judge Hastings.
5. After Judge Hastings has concluded the case of United States vs. Indelcato, he will continue to work on his

presently pending civil calendar as time permits. He will carefully monitor these cases, with the assistance of his staff, and promptly bring to the attention of the Chief Judge any emergency situation that should arise in the presently pending civil cases. In this eventuality, the Chief Judge will either handle the emergency himself or reassign it to another member of the court. Judge Hastings will not preside over hearings or trials until those matters demanding his personal attention are resolved or until further order of the court.

6. Judge Hastings will be available to assist the Chief Judge of the court on such administrative assignments as the Chief Judge may elect.

7. Judge Hastings will be assisted in the discharge of these responsibilities by his staff and continue to occupy his present chambers. His fifth floor courtroom will, obviously, be available for assignment of trials and use by Judges and Magistrates from other divisions of court should the need arise.

Judge Hastings and I have arrived at these administrative decisions in a completely cooperative and friendly spirit of attempting to do what is best for the court under the circumstances. I hope that all of you will agree with the steps we have taken. I intend to implement them by the necessary administrative orders on August 5, 1988.

cc:
Chief Judge Roney
Judge Peter Fay