

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2017-21

IN RE:
MAGISTRATE JUDGE SECURITY CLEARANCES
UNDER DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
DIRECTIVE NO. 1/19



Cases involving classified documents and classified information are filed in the Southern District of Florida with some regularity. While Article III District Judges are exempt from security clearance processing and may access classified information as necessary, as judicial officers appointed under Article I of the United States Constitution, Magistrate Judges must undergo the security clearance process as a condition of access to classified materials. *See* Director of Central Intelligence Directive No. 1/19, Security Policy for Sensitive Compartmented Information and Security Policy Manual, Section 9.0, (1 March 1995). Security clearances require background investigations that expire every five years and clearance must be renewed through reinvestigation. Because the investigation and clearance process often takes months to complete, the District Judges of this Court have determined at a regularly scheduled meeting that it is in the best interests of the Court to not wait until a specific Magistrate Judge is assigned to a case involving classified materials to seek or renew his or her security clearance. In order to ensure the timely and efficient processing of cases involving classified materials, it is

ORDERED that the Magistrate Judges of this Court shall take such steps as are necessary to work with the U. S. Department of Justice, Litigation Security Group to obtain current security clearances sufficient to enable their access to classified documents and information; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Magistrate Judges shall also take such steps as are necessary to periodically obtain renewed clearances every five years or as otherwise required by applicable policy guidance; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that this Order remains in full force and effect unless or until superseded by Judicial Conference policy or subsequent Order; it is

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 25th day of April, 2017.

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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