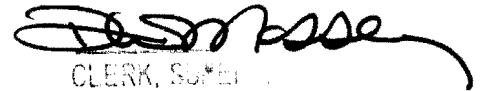


IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY
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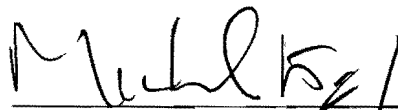

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CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

STANDING ORDER No. _____

This Order supersedes all prior orders regarding assignment of death penalty cases within the Court. As of the date of this order, death penalty cases shall be assigned in rotation order consistent with the list attached hereto.¹ The purpose of this order is to insure that death penalty case assignments are evenly balanced among the Judges of the Court. Any deviation from this assignment schedule shall only be made by the Chief Judge of the Court. In such case, the Chief Judge shall file a written order specifying such different assignment, which recites objective reasons for the deviation. Such objective reasons may include, but are not limited to, the date of most recent assignment of a death penalty case to a judge; a judge's caseload, including whether a judge is currently assigned to the Major Crimes Division of the court; and the total number of death penalty cases previously assigned to a judge, and whether such prior cases were resolved prior to verdict.

The Court Administrator is required to maintain the assignment list with updates reflecting the date of all subsequent assignments and with notations documenting the date and method of disposition² of each case.

SO ORDERED this 18 day of October, 2012.



Michael L. Karpf, Chief Judge, Superior Court
Eastern Judicial Circuit of Georgia

¹The list is in order of judges who have never tried a death penalty case, by seniority, followed by judges who have tried such cases, in order by date from oldest to most recent.

²For example, trial, plea, dismissal, etc. For any case that is disposed of prior to trial, the list shall reflect whether the case proceeded through interlocutory review or not.

DEATH PENALTY ROTATION

As of October 18, 2012

As of this date, assignments in new death penalty cases will be made in the following order:

1. Judge Penny Haas Freeseemann
2. Judge John Morse
3. Judge Timothy Walmsley
4. Judge Michael Karpf
5. Judge Louisa Abbot
6. Judge James Bass