IN THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

TALLAHASSEE DIVISION

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 90-22

IN RE Calendar Conflicts between 2nd Judicial Circuit and U S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

WHEREAS, the great volume of cases filed in the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida and the U S. District Court, in the Northern District of Florida creates calendar conflicts which should be resolved in a fair, efficient and orderly manner to allow for judicial efficiency and economy, and

WHEREAS, the Florida State-Federal Judicial Council which represents the Bench and Bar of the State of Florida believes that it would be beneficial to formally agree upon and publish recommended procedures and priorities for resolving calendar conflicts between the state and federal courts of Florida, it is therefore

ORDERED THAT

In resolving calendar conflicts between the Second Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida and the U. S District Court, Northern District of Florida, the following case priorities should be followed

1. Criminal cases should prevail over civil cases
2. Jury trials should prevail over non-jury trials
3. Appellate arguments, hearings and conferences should prevail over trials.
4. The case in which the trial date has been first set would take precedence

Where an attorney is scheduled to appear in two courts - trial or appellate, state or federal - at the same time and cannot arrange for other counsel in his or her firm or in the case to represent his or her client's interest, the attorney shall give prompt written notice to opposing counsel, the clerk of each court, and the presiding judge of each case, if known, of the conflict. If the presiding judge of a case cannot be identified, written notice of the conflict shall be given to

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the chief judge of the court having jurisdiction over the case, or to his or her designee. The judges or their designees shall confer and undertake to avoid the conflict by agreement among themselves. Absent agreement, conflicts should be promptly resolved by the judges or their designees in accordance with the above case priorities.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida this 10th day of August, 1990.

William Stafford
Chief Judge
U. S. District Court
Northern District of
Florida

Charles D. McClure
Chief Judge
Second Judicial Circuit
of Florida

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