

AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT SOUTH PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 14

The Administrative Plan adopted by the Judges of the 8th Judicial Circuit South to take effect January 1, 2008, and approved by the Supreme Court is hereby supplemented to establish the "appropriate guidelines" to take advantage of the "Other Matters" provision of Section 6(b)(4) of Administrative Order No. 18 by adding a paragraph "d" to the Order. Subsequent to approval by the Supreme Court Section VII will read as follows:

D. PILOT STATE DISTRICT COURTS----OTHER MATTERS

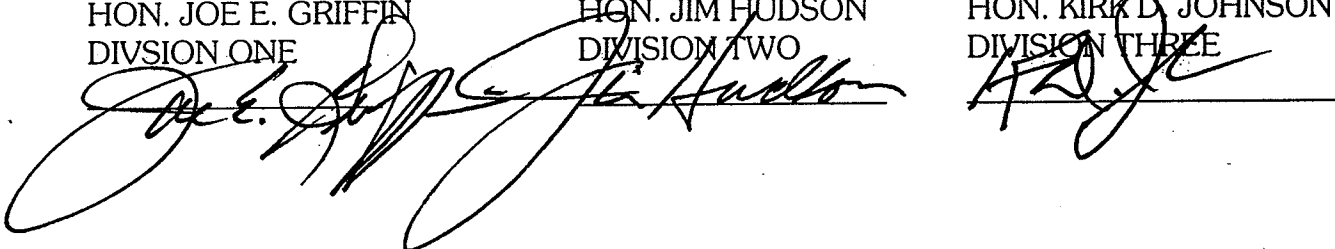
The Circuit Judges of the 8th Judicial Circuit South unanimously concur that the Administrative Judge may refer by "Standing Order" matters of an emergency or uncontested nature pending in the civil, domestic relation or probate divisions of circuit court (including but not limited to *ex parte* emergency involuntary commitments, domestic violence petitions, uncontested decedent's estate administration, uncontested divorces and defaults), within the territorial jurisdiction of a Pilot State District Court as provided in Section 6(c) of Administrative Order No. 18. The Pilot State District Court Judge shall establish regular days to hear said referred matters, with notice to all attorneys within his/her territorial jurisdiction of the time and place of these regular days. More specific guidelines and procedures would require a circuit judge review these cases prior to referral to the Pilot State District Court Judge which would defeat the purpose of this pilot program.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2008.

HON. JOE E. GRIFFIN
DIVISION ONE

HON. JIM HUDSON
DIVISION TWO

HON. KIRK D. JOHNSON
DIVISION THREE

Handwritten signatures of the three judges: Joe E. Griffin, Jim Hudson, and Kirk D. Johnson. Each signature is written in black ink and is positioned below its respective name and division label.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MILLER & LAFAYETTE COUNTIES, ARKANSAS
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - SOUTH

In accordance with Administrative Order No. 14, adopted by the Supreme Court of Arkansas on April 6, 2001, the following Administrative Plan is hereby submitted for approval:

CIRCUIT COURT ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

- a. **Administrative Policy:** The circuit judges of the Eighth South Judicial Circuit shall meet semi-annually in January and July of each year, and at any other agreed upon times, to establish the case management and administrative procedures to be used within the Eighth South Judicial Circuit. All policies, procedures and/or amendments thereto must be signed and approved by a majority of the judges.

- b. **Case Assignment and Allocation:** All civil, criminal, juvenile and domestic relations cases will be assigned by the Circuit Clerk. All probate cases will be assigned by the County Clerk. Both Clerks will utilize the random selection method established by the Eight Judicial District - South on November 30, 1998. Case Assignment Order #4, signed by all three Circuit Judges (copy attached). This method assigns an equal apportionment of criminal, civil, domestic relations, juvenile and probate cases to each Judge. Petitions to Revoke a Probated or Suspended Sentence are treated as new cases and assigned accordingly. Reopened chancery/domestic relations cases are assigned to the Judge who had the original assignment.

- c. **Caseload Estimate:** The random assignment of cases apportions the caseload equally among the Judges within the Eighth South Judicial Circuit. Caseloads will be reviewed at each of the regularly scheduled meetings to determine if a workload imbalance exists, and if such an imbalance exists, an amended plan will be submitted to the Supreme Court for approval.

SIGNED AND SUBMITTED this 15th day of February, 2007.


JOE E. GRIFFIN
Circuit Judge - Division One


JIM HUDSON
Circuit Judge - Division Two


KIRK D. JOHNSON
Circuit Judge - Division Three

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MILLER & LAFAYETTE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT SOUTH

CASE ASSIGNMENT ORDER #4

The Division and Case Assignment Orders of September 1, 1989 (#1), August 1, 1990 (#2), and August 14, 1991 (#3) of the Eighth Judicial District are hereby replaced by Case Assignment Order #4 for the new Eighth South Judicial District.

Effective December 1, 1998, all new cases will be assigned by the random selection method of 1/3 each to Division 1 - Judge Joe E. Griffin, Division 2 - Judge Jim Hudson and Division 3 - Judge Kirk D. Johnson. Said method is to be strictly adhered to by the Clerks, so that an equitable distribution of the cases can be maintained.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 1st day of February, 2007.



JOE E. GRIFFIN
Circuit Judge - Division One



JIM HUDSON
Circuit Judge - Division Two



KIRK D. JOHNSON
Circuit Judge - Division Three