

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE
OF THE
PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

NO. 2006-2

**ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES
IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY**

Effective January 1, 2006,

IT IS DIRECTED that, pursuant to the assignment authority given the President Judge under Supreme Court Rule 82, assignment of civil and criminal cases in New Castle County, except where cases are specially assigned or where a judge is disqualified from hearing a matter, will be as follows:

1. Civil cases will be assigned to all judges in New Castle County in the manner set forth in the New Castle County Civil Case Management Plan.

2. Criminal trials will be assigned to all judges in New Castle County as follows: The Criminal Assignment Judge will assign cases on the Criminal Trial Calendar to the judges of New Castle County for trial. The Criminal Assignment Judge will assign trials first to those judges who are assigned to criminal rotation. Assignment of criminal trials to judges on criminal rotation will take priority over all other matters of such judges. If, after all available judges on criminal rotation have been assigned a trial, trials remain to be assigned, the Criminal Assignment Judge will assign the trials to any available judges on civil rotation.

Any cases not in compliance with the speedy trial standards set forth in Supreme Court Administrative Directive 130 will be given priority status on the

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Criminal Trial Calendar. In accordance with said Directive, cases not in compliance with the speedy trial standards where the defendant remains in a pretrial detention status will be given priority over civil matters of judges on civil rotation unless the Criminal Administrative Judge determines that specific circumstances dictate a departure from this general rule.

Assignment of criminal cases by the Criminal Assignment Judge is subject to administrative oversight of the Criminal Administrative Judge.

The Criminal Administrative Judge may assign cases not in compliance with speedy trial standards to a judge or judges for all further proceedings through final disposition.

VOP hearings will continue to be assigned to all judges during both civil and criminal rotations.

Assignment of other criminal matters to judges on criminal rotation will be designated by the Criminal Administrative Judge, subject to the approval of the President Judge.

3. A request to specially assign a civil or criminal case outside this Administrative Directive or the New Castle County Civil or Criminal Case Management Plans will be submitted to the President Judge.

4. The Resident Judge and the Criminal Administrative and Civil Administrative Judges will constitute a Management Committee which will have the authority to adjust assignments to maintain equity, to accommodate special problems (such as illness or extended absence of a judge, a unique increase in case filings, or the like), and ensure periodic rotation of special assignments. All decisions of the

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Management Committee are subject to the approval of the president Judge.

Dated: January 1, 2006

/s/ James T. Vaughn, Jr.

President Judge

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