

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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In Re:

Administrative Order 17-01

Adoption of Interim Local Rule 1073-1

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The court has determined that amendments to this court's existing Local Rule 1073-1 regarding judicial assignment of a case after recusal or disqualification are required and also finds that there are exigent circumstances which justify implementation of these changes by an interim local rule. Accordingly, the court **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1) Local Rule 1073-1 is amended as Interim Local Rule 1073-1 by substituting the following text as section (B) of the Rule.

(B) Judicial Assignment.

(1) All cases shall be assigned on a blind rotation basis, within each chapter category, to a judge assigned to hear cases in the division to which the case has been assigned pursuant to subdivision (A).

(2) A matter from which a judge has been recused or disqualified shall be reassigned by the clerk:

(a) first to another judge resident in the same division, or

(b) to another division if the judge being recused or disqualified is the only resident judge in that division.

(3) Assignment to a specific judge without regard to divisional classification shall be considered by the court on motion by a party in the following cases upon the filing of a motion:

(a) all husband and wife cases, whether filed jointly or severally; and

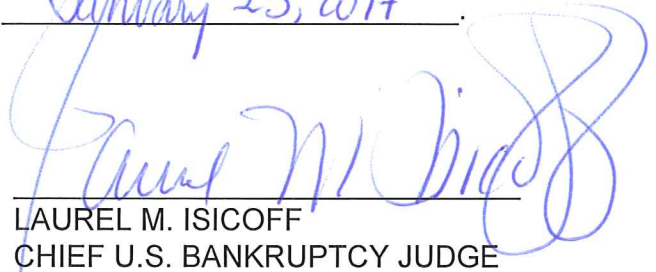
(b) cases that may be jointly administered pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015.

(4) Notice of reassignment of a case to another judge shall be provided to all parties of record by the clerk of court.

- 2) All cross references in the Local Rules to Local Rule 1073-1, including any references contained in the official comments thereto, and in all court forms, guidelines, and clerk's instructions shall be deemed to refer, respectively to, Interim Local Rule 1073-1.
- 3) The Clerk of Court is directed to provide notice of entry of this Order and to update the Local Rules as published by this court to reflect Interim Local Rule 1073-1.

ORDERED in the Southern District of Florida on

January 25, 2017


LAUREL M. ISICOFF
CHIEF U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

c: All SD Bankruptcy Judges
Clerk of Court