

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. PA/PI-CIR-02-44

**RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CAPITAL POST-CONVICTION CASES**

Whereas, Rule of Judicial Administration 2.050(b)(4) requires the chief judge to assign post-conviction or collateral matters in cases where the defendant has been sentenced to death to a judge qualified to conduct such proceedings, and

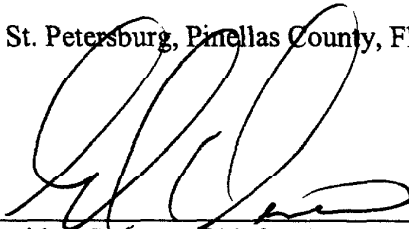
Whereas, Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.851(c)(1) requires the chief judge, within 30 days of the issuance of the mandate from the Florida Supreme Court affirming a judgment and sentence of death on direct appeal, to assign the case to a qualified judge, it is hereby

**ORDERED:**

1. The Clerk of the Court is directed to provide to the chief judge a copy of all mandates received from the Florida Supreme Court in which the Court affirms a judgment and sentence of death on direct appeal.

2. The chief judge will assign a circuit judge qualified under Rule of Judicial Administration 2.050(b)(10) to preside over post-conviction or collateral matters in such cases.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

  
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David A. Demers, Chief Judge

cc: All Pasco and Pinellas Judges  
The Honorable Bernie McCabe, State Attorney  
The Honorable Robert H. Dillinger, Public Defender  
The Honorable Karleen F. DeBlaker, Clerk of Court, Pinellas County  
The Honorable Jed Pittman, Clerk of Court, Pasco County  
H. Sandra Combee, Director, Court Services Division, Pinellas County Clerk's Office  
Betty Henderson, Assistant Court Services Director, Pasco County Clerk's Office  
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