

OGEECHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF GEORGIA

STANDING ORDER RE: ASSIGNMENT OF DEATH PENALTY CASES

In cases in which the District Attorney files a Notice of Intent to Seek the Death Penalty, which require significantly more administrative and judicial oversight than other actions, there is a need for the orderly assignment of such cases so that no one judge is randomly assigned a disproportionate number of death penalty cases.

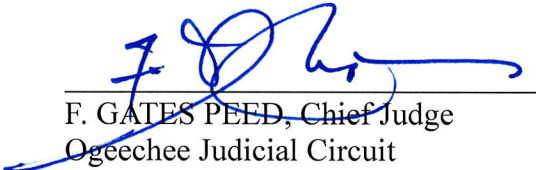
Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Cases in which the District Attorney files a Notice of Intent to Seek the Death Penalty shall be separately assigned to the judges on a rotating basis beginning with the judge with the greatest seniority, followed by the judge next in seniority, and so on, to the end that each judge is allocated an equal number of death penalty cases.

The Clerk of Court shall have no power or discretion in determining the judge to whom any death penalty or civil or criminal case is assigned, and no person shall have any role in choosing the judge to whom any case is assigned.

SO ORDERED this 18 day of MAY, 2023.


F. GATES PEED, Chief Judge
Ogeechee Judicial Circuit