

**IN THE SUPERIOR AND JUVENILE COURTS
APPALACHIAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURE 2000-01

IN RE: METHOD OF CASE ASSIGNMENTS

The Clerk of Court shall assign cases to the Judges of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit, as follows:

- (1) All cases filed in Superior Court ending in an odd number shall be assigned to Judge Brenda S. Weaver, unless otherwise ordered. All cases in which the parties are represented by the Law Office of George W. Weaver shall be assigned to Judge Ronald J. Armstrong.
- (2) All cases filed in Superior Court ending in an even number shall be assigned to Judge Ronald J. Armstrong, unless otherwise ordered.
- (3) All cases filed in Juvenile Court shall be assigned to Judge William L. Reilly, unless otherwise ordered.
- (4) The Clerk of Court shall comply with Uniform Superior court Rule 3.2, which provides as follows:

3.2 Companion and related actions

When practical, all actions involving substantially the same parties, or substantially the same subject matter, or substantially the same factual issues, whether pending simultaneously or not, shall be assigned to the same judge. Whenever such action is refiled, or a derivative or companion action is filed or refiled, or a defendant is reindicted on a previous charge, or is indicted on a subsequent charge while still under charges or serving a confinement or probated sentence on a previous action, or co-defendants are indicted separately, such actions shall be assigned to the judge to whom the original action was or is assigned. Generally, such actions will be assigned to the judge to whom the action with the lower action number is assigned.

- (5) Notwithstanding individual case assignments, the Superior and Juvenile Court Judges may utilize each other when their respective case loads require assistance and may assist on certain dates as to all cases coming before the Court on that date without any further order of either court or on an individual case assignment basis. An order specifically assigning a case to a judge shall be entered in the event the assigned judge is expected to preside over all matters in a case from its filing until its conclusion. See also Internal Operating Procedure 2000-2.

SO ORDERED, this _____ day of March, 2000.

Brenda S. Weaver, Chief Judge
Superior Courts
Appalachian Judicial Circuit

Ronald J. Armstrong, Judge
Superior Courts
Appalachian Judicial Circuit

William L. Reilly, Chief Judge
Juvenile Courts
Appalachian Judicial Circuit