

IN THE STATE COURT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER ASSIGNING CASES AND ACTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of Uniform State Court Rule 3.1, the undersigned Judges hereby approve and adopt the following method of assigning cases and actions to take effect January 1, 2017:

Criminal Cases originating with a warrant in Magistrate Court: When arrest warrants are returned to the Clerk of Magistrate Court, the Clerk shall determine whether the defendant has a previous case assignment as shown in the Case Assignment Spreadsheet created by the State Court Judges. If the defendant has a previous case assignment, the Clerk shall assign the new case to the Judge with the most recent case assignment. Cases assigned to Judge Simpson will be designated ENS; cases assigned to Judge Auslander will be designated CEA. If the defendant does not have a previous case assignment, the case will be assigned to the Judge with the fewer number of assigned cases. When the number of assigned cases is equal, cases will be assigned alternately between the Judges. In cases involving co-defendants, each co-defendant will be assigned to the same Judge, with the Clerk reviewing the Spreadsheet to determine if any of the co-defendants have previously been assigned to a Judge. If there has been a previous assignment, the co-defendants' cases will be assigned to the Judge who was most recently assigned to any case involving the co-defendants.

Criminal cases bound over from Municipal Court: For cases bound over from Municipal Court, the Clerk of State Court will request the State Court Judge's office to review the Spreadsheet to determine case assignments following the same procedure as that outlined above.

Criminal cases transferred to State Court from Superior Court: For cases transferred to State Court from Superior Court, the Clerk of State Court will request the State Court Judge's office to review the Spreadsheet to determine case assignments following the same procedure as outlined above.

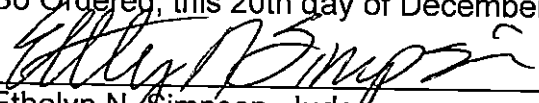
Assignment of Civil Cases: Civil cases will be assigned on an odd-even basis. Judge Auslander will be assigned even-numbered cases and Judge Simpson will be assigned odd-numbered cases. Under Uniform State Court Rule 3.2, actions involving substantially the same parties, subject matter, or factual issues will be assigned to the same Judge when practical.

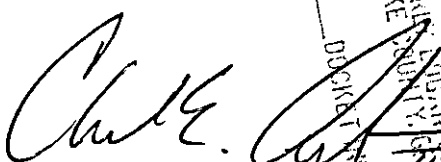
Transfer of Cases: Pursuant to Uniform State Rule 3.3, an assigned Judge may transfer an action to the other State Court Judge, provided that the latter Judge consents.

Judge Simpson and Judge Auslander will continue to preside over arraignment and jail call calendars with each Judge handling cases on those calendars notwithstanding previous case assignments. When either Judge enters a sentence in a case not assigned to him/her, he/she will ask the Clerk to change the assignment to reflect that the sentencing Judge is now assigned to the case.

Copies of this Order shall be placed on the minutes of the State Court of Athens-Clarke County and the Magistrate Court of Athens-Clarke County.

So Ordered, this 20th day of December, 2016.


Ethelyn N. Simpson, Judge
State Court of Athens-Clarke County


Charles E. Auslander, III, Judge
State Court of Athens-Clarke County

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