

**IN THE COURTS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2013-74

**RE: JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENT
TOBACCO LITIGATION**
Engle Progeny cases within the First Judicial Circuit

ORDER

WHEREAS, this circuit has found effective and efficient use of judicial resources is best achieved by assigning all First Judicial Circuit *Engle* progeny tobacco litigation cases to a single judge as each case which goes to trial requires a minimum of three (3) weeks of trial time plus several days of pretrial hearings; and

WHEREAS, a single judge has managed the *Engle* progeny tobacco litigation cases for the past five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, it is now appropriate to reassign the management of this litigation to another judge; and

WHEREAS, the reassignment of a Senior Judge to manage these cases will have the least negative impact on the management of all other circuit court docket responsibilities; it is

ORDERED that:

1. Senior Judge Frank L. Bell shall be assigned to manage all *Engle* progeny tobacco litigation within the First Judicial Circuit during calendar year 2014.
2. If for any reason Judge Bell is unavailable or unable to preside over scheduled matters in any *Engle* progeny tobacco case, Senior Judge Nickolas P. Geeker is assigned to provide coverage in Judge Bell's stead.

3. This order shall remain in effect until further order of this court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida this 31st day of
December, 2013, *retroactive to* December 30, 2013.

/S/ TERRY D. TERRELL

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CHIEF JUDGE

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