

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2014-51**

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

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(3)(4), *Florida Rules of Judicial Administration*, authority is vested in the Chief Judge to administer judicial assignments; and

**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 since early 2008; and

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

**ORDERED that:**

1. Circuit Judge T. Michael Jones shall be assigned to manage all *Engle* progeny tobacco litigation within the First Judicial Circuit through calendar year 2015.
2. Senior Judges shall be assigned to handle the Judge Jones' general jurisdiction docket when in conflict with any tobacco litigation hearing or trial.

3. This order shall be effective upon entry.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
December, 2014.

/S/ TERRY D. TERRELL

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**TERRY D. TERRELL**  
**CHIEF JUDGE**

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