

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2015-37

**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 for 2016; and

WHEREAS, this assignment decision was announced by the undersigned as Chief Judge to First Judicial Circuit *Engle Progeny* liaison counsel for all tobacco litigants during a Case Management Conference presided over by Judge Jones on April 8, 2015, but the decision was not contemporaneously reduced to writing and it is appropriate to do so; it is

ORDERED that:

1. Circuit Judge W. Joel Boles shall be assigned to manage all *Engle Progeny* tobacco litigation within the First Judicial Circuit for calendar year 2016.
2. Senior Judges shall be assigned to handle Judge Boles' general jurisdiction docket when in conflict with any tobacco litigation hearing or trial during calendar year 2016.
3. This order shall be complementary to and succeed First Judicial Circuit AO14-51 and effective upon entry.

DONE AND ORDERED in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida this 7th day of July, 2015, *nunc pro tunc* April 8, 2015.

/S/ TERRY D. TERRELL

**TERRY D. TERRELL
IN THE CAPACITY AS
FORMER CHIEF JUDGE**

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