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TO: CIRCUIT COURT BENCH AND ASSIGNMENT OFFICE STAFF
FROM: HONORABLE JOSEPH B. SULLIVAN, CHIEF JUDGE
DATE: JANUARY 22, 1986
RE: STANDBY TRIAL ASSIGNMENTS - DOCKET DIRECTIVE 1986-1

This memorandum is to inform you of a change in our policy concerning standby trial assignments. Current policy, established by the Bench and effective on January 4, 1982, indicates that civil trials assigned as "backup" or "standby" cases are to be returned to the Assignment Office for re-assignment if trial does not commence within eight days. This policy is hereby vacated.

Commencing on February 3, 1986, civil cases assigned for trial as standby cases will remain with the first assigned trial judge until tried or otherwise disposed unless re-assigned by order of the Chief Judge. Immediately upon assignment, attorneys on standby cases are to report to the assigned judge. This is to permit the judge to meet with them initially and periodically for the purpose of stimulating settlement before trial.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Joseph B. Sullivan
Chief Judge