

IN THE STATE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURE 03-02

IN RE: METHOD OF CASE ASSIGNMENTS

The Clerk of Court shall assign cases to the Judges of the State Court of Forsyth County as follows:

- (1) Effective January 1, 2003, all civil cases filed in the State Court having an odd number shall be assigned to Chief Judge David L. Dickinson. All civil cases having an even number shall be assigned to Judge Philip C. Smith. After cases begin to be officially assigned on January 1, 2003, the cases assigned to a particular judge shall be scheduled on the judge's assigned court dates.

All cases in which immediate attention is required shall first be assigned a case number before any relief shall be granted by either judge.

- (2) Effective January 1, 2003, all criminal cases filed in the State Court having an odd number shall be assigned to Chief Judge David L. Dickinson. All criminal cases having an even number shall be assigned to Judge Philip C. Smith. After cases begin to be officially assigned on January 1, 2003, the cases assigned to a particular judge shall be scheduled on the judge's assigned court dates.
- (3) Notwithstanding individual case assignments, the State Court Judges may utilize each other when their respective case loads require assistance and may assist on certain dates as to all cases coming before the State Court on that date without any further order. Each State Court Judge has the discretion to assign an individual case assignment to the other State Court Judge as necessary by written order. An order specifically assigning a case to a particular judge shall be entered in the event the assigned judge is expected to preside over all matters in the case from its filing until its conclusion.
- (4) This order shall modify the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit Internal Operating Procedure 00-1, paragraph 2. All remaining provisions in Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit Internal Operating Procedure 00-1 filed on November 16, 2000, except as specifically modified pursuant hereto shall remain in full force and effect.

So ORDERED this 7th day of January, 2003.

David L. Dickinson, Chief Judge
State Court of Forsyth County
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit

Philip C. Smith, Judge
State Court of Forsyth County
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit