

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 11 - 0021**

It appearing that the full Court met in executive session on May 19, 2011 and approved the adoption of proposed Internal Operating Procedure 8 regarding Appointment of Pro Bono Attorneys in Civil Cases.

The Court's Rules Committee discussed the proposal at its meeting of May 12, 2011. It recommended that the full Court adopt proposed Internal Operating Procedure 8.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on May 19, 2011 and adopted Internal Operating Procedure 8; therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on Thursday, May 19, 2011,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Internal Operating Procedure 8: Appointment of Pro Bono Attorneys in Civil Cases be adopted as follows (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~):

IOP 8. Appointment of Pro Bono Attorneys in Civil Cases

(a) ORDER OF APPOINTMENT. Whenever the judge concludes that the appointment of counsel is warranted, the judge shall enter an order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915(d) directing the appointment of counsel to represent the *pro se* party. The judge may specify in the order of appointment an area of expertise or preference so that the clerk may select a prospective appointee who indicated such area, if one is available. The order shall be transmitted forthwith to the clerk. If service of the summons and complaint has not yet been made, an order directing service by the United States marshal or by other appropriate method of service shall accompany the appointment order.

The selection of a member of the panel for appointment pursuant to the appointment order

will normally be made in accordance with section (e). However, the judge may determine that an appointment be made in any of the following manners:

(1) Where the *pro se* party has one or more other cases pending before this Court in which counsel has been appointed, the judge may determine it to be appropriate that counsel appointed in such other case or cases be appointed to represent the *pro se* party in the case before the judge.

(2) Where the judge finds that the nature of the case requires specific expertise and among the panel members available for appointment there are some with the required expertise, the judge may direct the clerk to select counsel from among those included in the group or may designate a specific member of the group.

(3) Where the judge finds that the nature of the case requires specific expertise and none of the panel members available for appointment has indicated that expertise, the judge may appoint counsel with the required expertise who is not on the panel.

In order to assist the judge in determining whether or not to make a direct appointment under (1) of this section, the clerk shall provide on request the case number, case title, judge to whom assigned, and name of counsel appointed of each case currently pending before the Court in which the *pro se* party has had counsel appointed.

(b) SELECTION OF ATTORNEY TO BE APPOINTED. Except where another method of appointment is ordered pursuant to section (d), the clerk, on receipt of the order of appointment, shall select a name from the panel in the following manner:

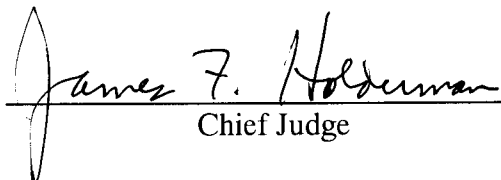
(1) Where the order specifies a particular area of expertise or a preference, the clerk shall select the first available panel member indicating such expertise or preference. If no such person is found, the next available person listed on the panel shall be selected.

(2) Where the order does not specify any area of expertise or preference, the clerk

shall select the first available person listed on the panel.

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT



Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 2nd day of June, 2011.