STATE OF THE COURT: Southern District of Alabama

Kristi K. DuBose
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

Alabama State Bar 2019 Annual Meeting
July 18, 2019

Southern District Divisions

Northern Division (Selma):

Dallas, Hale, Marengo, Perry, Wilcox

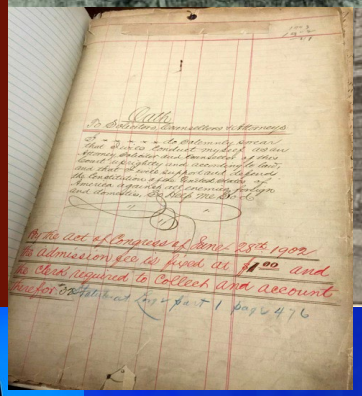
Southern Division (Mobile):

Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe, Washington

FACILITIES

Mobile

From the Frontier
to the 21st Century



The New Courthouse

Groundbreaking 3/11/16

"GSA has designed the Mobile courthouse project to meet the judiciary's 21st century needs, contribute to local development goals and maximize taxpayer savings. The project couples the public's investment with design excellence and economic opportunity.…The new courthouse we're building will help them address space constraints, security issues from the historic building that we've seen, and we also see that this investment of federal dollars will be a strong catalyst to promote economic development."

-Norman Dong, GSA Public Buildings Service Commissioner

Flag Raising
7/23/18

Dedication
9/7/18

MAGNA EST VIS VERITATIS
Great is the Power of Truth

EXIT

Growing in Mobile – 2018
Jason Middlebrook

Justitia – 2018
Raine Bedsole

Old and New U.S. Courthouses side by side

Campbell Courthouse: Renovations & Progress

The historic Campbell U.S. Courthouse is currently undergoing renovations and will become the new Bankruptcy courthouse.

Renovations are scheduled for completion in May 2020.

SELMA
Federal Building and Courthouse

- Resumed holding court in the historic federal building
- "Day-use" agreement with 11th Circuit/GSA/AO (cost savings measure for federal judiciary)
- Currently used for Northern Division trials, as needed.

JUDGES

- **U.S. District Judges:**
  - Chief Judge Kristi K. DuBose
  - Judge Jeffrey U. Beaverstock
  - Judge Terry F. Moorer

- **Senior U.S. District Judges:**
  - Judge Charles R. Butler, Jr.
  - Judge Callie V.S. Granade
  - Judge William H. Steele

- **U.S. Magistrate Judges:**
  - Judge Sonja F. Bivins
  - Judge Katherine P. Nelson
  - Judge P. Bradley Murray

- **U.S. Magistrate Judges on Recall:**
  - Judge William E. Cassady
  - Judge Bert W. Milling, Jr.

- **Two (2) new District Judges**
  - Judge Beaverstock – Confirmed 8/30/18
  - Judge Moorer – Confirmed 9/6/18

CASE STATISTICS / DOCKET MANAGEMENT

Judicial Caseload Profile

	Alabama Southern						
	12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2018						
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Filings	1,334	1,190	1,181	1,111	1,197	1,098	1,117

Civil Cases Filed:

- **5.53% decrease: 547 (2018) versus 579 (2017)**
- **36th Nationwide for median time of civil cases disposed of per active judgeship (5th in the 11th Circuit)**

Criminal Cases Filed:

- **28.32% increase: 444 (2018) versus 346 (2017)**
- **10th Nationwide for median time of criminal felony cases disposed per active judgeship (2nd in 11th Circuit)**

District Judges have a 3 month trial cycle – repeats 4x/year

- First month to try criminal cases
- Second month to be backup judge for criminal overflow
- Third month to try civil cases

Juries for all criminal cases to be tried that month are selected on the first Monday of the month.

Juries for all civil cases to be tried that month are selected on the first Tuesday of the month.

Example:

January – Judge Moorer tries criminal cases
Judge Beaverstock tries overflow criminal cases
Chief Judge DuBose tries civil cases

February – Chief Judge DuBose tries criminal cases
Judge Moorer tries overflow criminal cases
Judge Beaverstock tries civil cases

March – Judge Beaverstock tries criminal cases
Chief Judge DuBose tries overflow criminal cases
Judge Moorer tries civil cases

April – Same as January… (rotation starts again)

Criminal Cases

-The judge who is assigned to a criminal case upon the filing of an indictment may or may not be the judge who tries the case.

-The assigned judge handles all pretrial matters up to jury selection, as well as guilty pleas and sentencing.

- If the case goes to trial, after jury selection the case is reassigned to the judge handling that month's criminal trials, unless the case is already assigned to that judge.

Civil Cases

-Judge who is assigned to a civil case will set the case for trial during one of that judge's civil trial months (every third month).

- If a motion to extend time for discovery or to extend time to file MSJ is granted, the trial will normally be pushed back at least by three months due to our cooperative scheduling system.

QUESTIONS?