

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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In Re: TRANSFERRING DIVISIONS  
WITHIN THE DISTRICT

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Amended Administrative Order  
No. 05-002

THIS MATTER came before the Court in an effort to process intra-district transfers of Chapter 7 and 13 cases more efficiently. Bankruptcy petitions are currently required to be filed in the division determined by the debtor(s)' address. However, geography often places a debtor physically closer to a different, and therefore more convenient division within the district. Current procedure requires that a case be transferred only after it has been filed and assigned a case number in the division indicated by the debtor(s) address. Once a motion to transfer venue is granted, a separate case must then be opened in the new division which creates additional noticing as well an administrative burden on the Clerk's office.

PURSUANT TO the Local Rule 3.1(C) for the U.S. District Court which says, "The court may order any cause, civil or criminal transferred from one division to any other division."

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Attorneys desiring to transfer a new Chapter 7 or 13 petition to another division within the district are hereby authorized to initially select the division in which they want the case administered, provided that a proper motion to transfer is filed contemporaneously with the petition. The Clerk's office shall provide detailed instructions upon request. Nothing in this rule is intended to apply to new Chapter 11 petitions.

DONE AND ORDERED this 22nd day of March, 2010



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Lewis M. Killian, Jr.  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge