### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 03-14**

## (Senior Judge Assignments and Chambers)

WHEREAS, a number of recent retirements has increased the total number of retired judges eligible to sit as senior judges; and

WHEREAS, the court is currently unable to furnish chambers for each senior judge desiring them; and

WHEREAS, while there is more than enough need for services of senior judges to address the Court's caseload, there may from time to time occur dates when the number of available courtrooms is insufficient to accommodate senior judges who wish to sit; and

WHEREAS, in these circumstances it is prudent to establish rules for determining the order in which chambers and cases are assigned to senior judges seeking them;

# **NOW, THEREFORE,** it is hereby:

**ORDERED**, that effective immediately chambers shall be assigned to senior judges in order of seniority, and in the event there are more senior judges than there are available chambers, two senior judges shall be assigned to share the same chambers by reverse order of seniority, except this provision shall not apply to senior judges retiring from the office of chief judge; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that in the event more senior judges seek assignments than there are available at that time, senior judges will be given assignments in order of seniority,

subject to adjustments to better address the needs of the Court as determined by the chief judge; and it is further

**ORDERED,** that for purposes of this Order, seniority shall be determined by the date upon which the senior judge was first sworn in as an active judge on the Superior Court; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that this order shall govern in the absence of agreement otherwise among senior judges; and it is further

**ORDERED,** commencing June 1, senior judges shall submit time records in the same manner required of active judges, except their records shall be compiled and submitted every two weeks.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

May 13, 2003

Rufus G. King, III Chief Judge

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