

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 04-20**

**(Magistrate and Senior Judge Utilization Committee)  
(Replaces Administrative Order 04-19)**

**WHEREAS**, Strategy 1.1.3 and Priority Action 2 of *Committed to Justice in the Nation's Capital*, Strategic Plan of the District of Columbia Courts 2003-2007, set forth the goal of ensuring that magistrate and senior judges are used effectively; and

**WHEREAS**, recent statutory changes have expanded the authority of magistrate judges; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an increasing availability of senior judge resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of IJIS may offer opportunities to restructure case scheduling which could implicate use of magistrate and senior judges; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears an ad hoc committee should be organized in order to review the current assignment of magistrate and senior judges and make recommendations to enhance their court-wide scheduling and assignment;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is by the Court,

**ORDERED**, there is hereby created the Magistrate and Senior Judge Assignment Evaluation Committee, to be chaired by Hon. Kaye Christian, whose purpose shall be to review the Strategic Plan Strategy 1.1.3 and Priority Action 2, relevant rule changes regarding magistrate judges' expanded authority, the impact of IJIS on magistrate and senior judges, and best practices related to use of judicial resources in the Superior Court and make recommendations for improvements in the use of senior judges and magistrate judges; and it is further,

**ORDERED**, that the Committee shall consist of the chair and the following members,

Hon. Noel Kramer	Presiding Judge, Criminal Division
Hon. Joan Zeldon	Presiding Judge, Civil Division
Hon. Jose Lopez	Presiding Judge, Probate and Tax Division
Hon. Lee Satterfield	Presiding Judge, Family Court
Hon. William Jackson	Presiding Judge, Domestic Violence Unit
Hon. Mary Ellen Abrecht	Senior Judge
Hon. Henry Greene	Senior Judge
Hon. Dennis Doyle	Presiding Magistrate Judge
Hon. Aida Melendez	Deputy Presiding Magistrate Judge
Hon. Pamela Gray	Magistrate Judge, Family Court
Dan Cipullo	Director, Criminal Division
Dianne King	Director, Family Court;

and it is further,

**ORDERED**, that the Committee shall provide a report to the Chief Judge of the Superior Court on or before December 31, 2004.

**SO ORDERED.**

**BY THE COURT**

**September 28, 2004**

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**Rufus G. King, III**  
**Chief Judge**

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