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SUBJECT: Upcoming Changes in the Support Dockets

As you may have noticed, this Court's caseload involving issues of child support has increased vastly over the past two years. From the first six months of 2009 to the last six months of 2010, this Court's DCSE caseload has tripled. The caseload has become so large that it has become very difficult to handle within the current docketing schedule wherein child support cases are heard on Mondays in Judge Dugger's courtroom. In reviewing the matter and looking at all possible solutions, the Court has decided that the best solution is to split the docket, with a portion of the cases being heard on Monday and another being heard on Thursday each week. Beginning September 8, 2011, initial petitions, motions and paternity related matters will be heard on Mondays with timeframes being split as follows:

- Initial petitions and motions not involving DCSE with no attorney involvement – 8:00 A.M.
- DCSE initial petitions, motions and paternity matters – 9:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M.
- DCSE or non-DCSE matters involving attorneys – 11:30 A.M., 12:00 P.M., 12:30 P.M.
- FTC S/C/S and FTC Capias arraignments will continue to take place on Mondays at 8:30 A.M. in Courtroom 1.
- Enforcement trials will be handled every Thursday with dockets being set at 8:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. This will replace the current 1:30 P.M. enforcement docket that has been in place for some time.

Effective immediately, six month reviews for withhold findings will be set on the Thursday dates for review, as opposed to Monday afternoon dates. Again, the implementation date of the entire change will be September 8, 2011.