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To: Attorney's handling juvenile cases, Judge Wilkins, Jill Cairo, Diane Stovall

From: Richard W. Stone
Chief District Court Judge

Recently I have had a couple of problems with lawyers trying to balance other responsibilities and putting juvenile cases on the back burner. Please look at Section 1.2 of the Continuance Policy which gives juvenile matters precedence over the District Court matters, and requires the lawyers to keep the court and opposing counsel informed of any conflicts. Also attached is a copy of Rule 3 of the Superior and District Court Rules which sets out Superior Court priority status and Judge Morgan's Order which states ongoing trials even in District Court may proceed to resolution.

In an effort to make all this a little easier, we will begin calling the juvenile calendar (DSS and delinquent) at 9:30 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. beginning January 1, 2002. Hopefully this will take off some of the pressure by allowing you extra time to answer another calendar or to locate those clients that failed to show up at your office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.