

ALABAMA RULES OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Rule 13.

Temporary assignments of judges and other court personnel.

(A) The presiding circuit judge may temporarily assign circuit or district court judges to serve either within the circuit or in district courts within the circuit.

(B) Assignments of judges by the presiding circuit judge shall be in writing and shall be sent to the assigned judge as soon as practicable. The presiding judge or his designee may orally notify the judge of his assignment and this notification shall be sufficient until such time as written notification can be prepared and delivered to the assigned judge. A copy of each written assignment pursuant to this rule shall be filed with the administrative director of courts ("ADC") and in the office of the clerk or register of the court to which such assignment is made.

(C) Except as otherwise provided by law or rule, the presiding circuit judge may, in his discretion, assign judicial secretaries, bailiffs, and court reporters in the judicial system within his circuit to temporary service in the circuit or district court as such service is required.

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Comment

The presiding circuit judge may temporarily assign circuit or district judges in the circuit to service in either the circuit or district court if, in his discretion, he deems such assignment necessary to assist in the orderly administration of justice within the circuit.

Subdivision (B), which was taken from former Rule 14, was amended to eliminate the conflicting language that the assignment "shall be in writing" but that "oral notification shall be sufficient."

Subdivision (C), is supplemental to the supervisory authority in Ala.Code 1975, Section 12-17-24, and is intended to provide the presiding circuit judge with the needed flexibility to assign certain court personnel on a temporary basis as the needs of the courts within the circuit might require.

Former Rules 13 and 14 are combined in this Rule.