

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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Administrative Order 99-25

IN RE: ADOPTION OF MODIFICATIONS :
TO THIS DISTRICT'S "AMENDED PLAN :
FOR THE RANDOM SELECTION OF :
GRAND AND PETIT JURORS" :

At its meeting of August 19, 1999, this court adopted modifications to its, "Amended Plan for the Random Selection of Grand and Petit Jurors" (Jury Plan) as approved by the Judicial Council of the Sixth Circuit of the United States effective April 29, 1993. Prompted by requirements of a new automated Jury Management System (JMS) this court is about to implement, the changes modify language in the Jury Plan dealing with the method and manner of random selection of names from master jury wheels. Offered by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the JMS employs an algorithm to purely randomize the selection of names from the wheels as opposed to the formula method currently employed to determine start and increment numbers. It is, therefore,

ORDERED that Section VIII (Drawing from the Master Wheel) of the Jury Plan be modified to read as follows:

The selection of names from the master wheel for the purpose of summoning persons to serve as grand or petit jurors will be accomplished by a purely randomized process through a properly programmed electronic data processing system. Such random selections of names must ensure that each county within the jury division is substantially proportionally represented in the master jury wheel in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1863(b)(3). The selections of names from the master wheel must also ensure the mathematical odds of any single name being selected are substantially equal.

As the jury master wheels shall be reconstituted following each general election, . . .

It is further

ORDERED that the minimum number of names to be placed in the master wheel of the Western Division at its emptying and refilling every four years be increased from 48,000 to 60,000 at Section V (Master Jury Wheels) of the Jury Plan.

The revised Amended Jury Plan is effective August 19, 1999, the date of its adoption by this court, and shall remain so until such time as the Judicial Council of the Sixth Circuit may direct otherwise. Nothing in these modifications shall preclude the service of any juror summoned or empaneled on or before the date upon which these modifications shall become effective. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court notify the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, and the Attorney General of the United States of the modifications herein described, consistent with provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1863(a).

DONE AND ORDERED at Memphis, Tennessee, on the 13th day of September, 1999.

FOR THE COURT: Julia Smith Gibbons
Julia Smith Gibbons
Chief United States District Judge