

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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In the matter of) GENERAL ORDER NO. 486
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DECLARATION OF)
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY)
_____)

The Court for the Southern District of California declares a judicial emergency in the District. Due to the heavy criminal felony caseload and lack of new judgeships, the district continues to rank as one of the busiest courts in the nation. According to the Judicial Caseload Profile Report prepared by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the District Court has the highest weighted caseload per judge nationwide. In recognition of the heavy caseload, the Judicial Conference of the United States recommended the addition of eight judgeships -- five permanent and three temporary -- to improve the administration of justice in the district. This was the highest number of new judgeships recommended for any court in the nation. Despite the Judiciary's recommendation, no new judgeships have been created for our district in pending judgeship legislation. Consequently, the needs of the litigants in our district for new judgeships have not been met. Without new judgeships, the District will operate under judicial emergency procedures as required by the needs of justice.

DATED: 10/30/00

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MARILYN L. HUFF, Chief Judge
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