

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 15-08**

**Timely Resolution of Matters Under Advisement in Cases in the Civil Actions Branch**

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interests of all parties to civil cases filed in the Civil Actions Branch of the Civil Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for timely decisions to be made on matters taken under advisement, including motions that are ripe for resolution and nonjury trials that have been concluded; and

**WHEREAS**, the timely entry of findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a judgment would best serve the interests of all parties when a case has been taken under advisement by the Court after a nonjury trial; and

**WHEREAS**, the timely and efficient resolution of civil cases requires that motions be decided promptly once all briefing is concluded and the motion is ripe for resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is by the Court,

**ORDERED**, that the Clerk's Office is authorized to take the following steps to promote timely resolution of these matters:

If a decision has not been rendered within 60 days from the date when a motion becomes ripe or a nonjury trial is concluded, then the Clerk shall send a notice to the assigned judge and shall repeat such notice every 30 days thereafter until a decision is rendered.

If a decision has not been rendered within 30 days of the issuance of the first such notice, the Clerk, in addition to sending a second notice to the assigned judge, shall so advise the Presiding Judge and Deputy Presiding Judge of the Civil Division.

If a decision has not been rendered within 60 days of the issuance of the first such notice, the Clerk, in addition to sending a third notice to the assigned judge, shall so advise the Chief Judge and the Presiding Judge and Deputy Presiding Judge of the Civil Division; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that if a decision has not been rendered within 30 days of the issuance of the third notice, the assigned judge shall provide a written explanation to the Chief Judge for why the decision has not been rendered; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Chief Judge may take any action the Chief Judge deems appropriate in order to cause the matter to be decided promptly.

**SO ORDERED.**

**BY THE COURT:**

**DATE: April 9, 2015**

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**Lee F. Satterfield**  
**Chief Judge**

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