



The Supreme Court of South Carolina

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Circuit and Family Court Judges

FROM: The Honorable Jean Hoefer Toal

RE: Disposal of DUI/DUAC Cases in the Summary Courts Statewide

DATE: March 22, 2011

Beginning Monday, March 21, 2011, I will be issuing individual Orders to Chief Magistrates and Chief Administrative Municipal Court Judges statewide directing that they dispose of all pending DUI/DUAC cases within one-hundred twenty (120) days that are in violation of my time disposition Order for those courts issued February 14, 2011. Due to the enormity of this directive, I am asking for your cooperation with the summary courts in disposing of these cases. As you are aware, Rule 601, SCACR, Conflicts in Hearing Dates, gives your courts priority over the summary courts in all matters. Over the next 120 days and longer if subsequent orders are issued, I ask that you be lenient in releasing trial attorneys from your courts when their appearance conflicts with the disposition of a DUI/DUAC case within the summary courts. You may be contacted by a summary court judge asking for this consideration, and I would appreciate your necessary cooperation.

Should you have questions or suggestions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff.

JHT/mhb

Cc: Clerks of Court