

## **CASE ASSIGNMENT POLICY**

### **STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING ASSIGNMENT OF CASES TO INDIVIDUAL JUDGES OF THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT**

The following types of cases shall be assigned:

- Condemnations
- Professional Negligence
- Sexually Violent Predators
- Habeas Corpus
- Cases in which a judge has heard a suppression motion.
- Cases where all parties agree, and the Chief Judge determines assignment is necessary due to the complexity of the case or to other compelling factors.

#### **Procedure**

In all condemnation and professional negligence cases, counsel shall contact the court to inform of the filing of the case and that assignment is needed. Assignments in any other type of case may be requested by submitting a letter to the chief judge, which must include:

- 1) Whether or not all parties agree to assignment
- 2) Type of case
- 3) Whether the case is to be tried by a jury
- 4) Estimated length of trial
- 5) The reason(s) for the assignment

A Judge who believes that a particular case requires pretrial assignment may submit such a recommendation to the Chief Judge.