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## **GENERAL ORDER NO. 1997-39**

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

CRIMINAL CASE ASSIGNMENT – FIVE OR MORE DEFENDANTS ORDER NO. 1997-39

At the regular judges' meeting held on October 6, 1997, the Court agreed to modify the criminal case assignment system in both the Eastern and Western Divisions to preclude any judge from receiving more than one criminal case with five or more defendants unless every other judge in the division on the criminal draw had received at least one such case.

Accordingly, the Clerk's Office is hereby ordered to make the necessary modifications to the automated case assignment system and the technical change to Local Criminal Rule 57.12, <u>Preparation of Assignment Decks</u>.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT

George W. White Chief Judge United States District Court