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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

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IN RE:)	
DIRECT ASSIGNMENT OF CASES)	Administrative Order No. 171
IN WHICH SOUTHERN ILLINOIS)	
UNIVERSITY IS A PARTY)	
TO CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE)	
MICHAEL J. REAGAN)	

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Recognizing the importance and desirability of balancing Senior District Judge J. Phil Gilbert's position as a Trustee on The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University with the need for the court to avoid conflicts of interest (or the appearance of impropriety), the undersigned orders as follows:

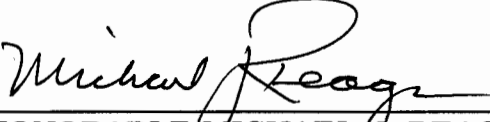
Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 137, all cases involving Southern Illinois University will be directly assigned to Chief U.S. District Judge Michael J. Reagan who will conduct a remittance of disqualification hearing (See Canon 3D, Code of Conduct for United States Judges). If the parties remit disqualification, the case will be randomly assigned to a District Judge sitting in the Southern District of Illinois, excluding Senior District Judge Gilbert. If the parties do not remit disqualification, Chief Circuit Judge Wood or her successor will be requested to assign an out-of-district judge.

In his position on the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees Judge Gilbert will create an information barrier (or "firewall") to insulate his duties as

trustee from his duties as U.S. District Judge. Judge Gilbert will not have any involvement in any litigation or be privy to any information regarding federal litigation involving Southern Illinois University in either his position as U.S. District Judge or as a trustee for Southern Illinois University.

Judge Gilbert will recuse from voting on retention of Magistrate Judges because they may, at the time of the retention consideration, have presided over matters involving Southern Illinois University.

This Order is dated this 1st day of April, 2015.


HONORABLE MICHAEL J. REAGAN
Chief United States District Judge