

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to address the counting of applications for post-conviction relief, it is hereby ordered, adjudged, and decreed that:

Part G, Section 15 of the General Administrative Rules for all Louisiana Courts be and is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Section 15. Applications for Post-Conviction Relief; Counting.

(a) Separate counting and designation of applications.

District Court Clerks shall count separately from the underlying conviction all applications for post-conviction relief which are filed. Applications shall receive a separate, designated docket number from the underlying conviction. For example, an application for post-conviction relief may be docketed and counted by utilizing the docket number for the underlying conviction, followed by PCR-, followed by a designated number.

Example - Case No. 14-1001-PCR-1

- (b) District Court Clerks shall report monthly to the Supreme Court of Louisiana, on the “Data Collection Form for Supreme Court Reporting,” all post-conviction relief applications that are filed.

This rule shall become effective on _____, 2014 and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter, until amended through future Orders of this Court.

Given under our hands and seal this ____ day of _____, 2014, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR THE COURT:

Bernette J. Johnson, Chief Justice