

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
500 PEARL STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10007

Notice to Parties with Pending Civil Cases Before Judge Sprizzo

New York, NY—December 17, 2008—Sadly, the Honorable John Emilio Sprizzo passed away peacefully on December 16 surrounded by loving family members and dear friends. The case reassignment process will take some time. In the meantime, please be advised of the following:

- ! If you have an upcoming court appearance, you will be contacted by Judge Sprizzo's Chambers with additional information. You may be contacted via the Electronic Case Filing system if your case is an ECF case. Do not contact Chambers unless it is the day prior to your scheduled appearance, and you have not yet received information about the status of your conference.
- ! Case-related inquiries may be directed by letter to Judge Sprizzo's Chambers until you receive notice of reassignment. Mail letters to: Chambers of Hon. John E. Sprizzo, Attn. Law Clerks, U.S. District Court, 500 Pearl Street, Room 1350, New York, NY 10007.
- ! If you experience a legal emergency, you may contact the Part I Judge, whose information is listed at: http://www1.nysd.uscourts.gov/part1_crim.php. You should also notify Judge Sprizzo's Chambers by letter to the attention of Judge Sprizzo's law clerks at the above address. You should send an update by joint letter from the parties to Chambers after the Part I Judge has addressed your emergency.
- ! If your case has not yet been assigned to a United States Magistrate Judge for general pretrial purposes—including scheduling, discovery, non-dispositive pretrial motions, and settlement—or specifically for settlement conferences, and any party is interested in such a referral, send a letter to Judge Sprizzo's Chambers, to the attention of Judge Sprizzo's law clerks at the above address.
- ! Parties may also consent to conducting all further proceedings in your actions, including trial and entry of a final judgment before a Magistrate Judge. The consent form is available at: <http://www1.nysd.uscourts.gov/cases/show.php?db=forms&id=7>.
- ! If you are interested in mediation, please review the Southern District of New York Local Civil Rule 83.12, and then send a joint letter to Judge Sprizzo's Chambers at the above address asking to be placed in the Court's mediation program. If you have questions about this program, you may contact Mediation Services for the Southern District of New York at (212) 805-0643.