

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

In the Matter of:

Communications by Counsel or
their Staff with Judge Domínguez'
Law Clerks

STANDING ORDER

The undersigned has noticed a recent increase in telephone calls to law clerks regarding matters pertaining to cases pending in my docket. Many of these phone calls pertain to simple matters which can easily be corroborated by accessing the Court's electronic case filing system. My law clerks do not work for counsel, thus may not be tasked with such matters.

An alarming number of these phone calls, nonetheless, pertain to matters which necessarily must be addressed via motion, and which other parties to the case should become aware of.

Accordingly, as of the date of this standing order, all Counsel shall refrain from contacting the undersigned's law clerks for any case related matter, no matter how minimal it is.¹ A motion is the appropriate mechanism to contact the Court in all other matters.

For any other matters regarding the Court's criminal calendar, Counsel shall contact the undersigned's courtroom deputy. Law clerks

¹The limited exception is for discovery disagreements wherein the parties have complied with the dispute resolution procedure set forth in the Minutes of the Initial Scheduling Conference.

do not handle my criminal calendar, thus should not be contacted regarding these scheduling matters.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 9th day of January, 2013.

/s/ DANIEL R. DOMÍNGUEZ

DANIEL R. DOMÍNGUEZ
U.S. District Judge