

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 06-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 06-37**

**IN RE: CREATION OF SECTIONS FC
01 AND FC 47 IN THE FAMILY
DIVISION OF THE ELEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, inasmuch as the number of incoming cases assigned to each judge in the Family Division has significantly increased, the Court has determined that in the interest of effecting the prompt disposition of cases, two (2) additional judicial sections must be created in the Family Division;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida under Rule 2.050, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. Effective January 29, 2007, Section FC 01 and Section FC 47 are hereby created in the Family Division.
2. Cases shall be assigned and/or reassigned to these Sections at the direction of the Administrative Judge of the Family Division. Whenever possible and practicable, the assignment and/or reassignment of such cases shall be accomplished under the blind filing system historically utilized in making such assignments and reassignments, or any similar method which will result in such cases being filed equally among all of the sections of the Family Division in an unpredictable manner.
3. Any inequities in caseload distribution among the sections of the Family Division will be adjusted by the Administrative Judge.
4. The Clerk of the Court shall notify in writing all attorneys of record and pro se litigants as to the assignment or reassignment of their pending case in the Family Division within twenty (20) days of the execution of this order.

5. No cases shall be retained or heard by a judge when reassigned to another section, except as follows:
 - a. Motions for rehearing or new trial;
 - b. Motions to vacate final judgments, including summary judgments;
 - c. Completion of hearing or trial after judge has commenced taking testimony in the case;
 - d. Disposition of cases tried; or
 - e. Good cause.
6. If all parties in a case desire the original judge to retain a case, the parties' counsel, along with pro se litigants (if applicable) shall submit a joint motion to the original judge giving reasons for retention. If the judge agrees to retain the case, an order will be entered by the Administrative Judge, or designee, transferring the case back to the original judge, without the necessity of a hearing. In all other situations, a case shall be placed on a regularly scheduled transfer calendar before the Administrative Judge.
7. **ALL TRIALS AND HEARINGS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 29, 2007 FOR REASSIGNED CASES MUST BE CONFIRMED WITH THE NEW JUDGE OR RESET AS NECESSARY.**
8. **THOSE CASES SET ON MOTION OR UNCONTESTED CALENDARS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2007 SHALL BE HEARD BY THE CURRENT PRESIDING JUDGE SO AS NOT TO INCONVENIENCE THE PARTIES OR FURTHER DELAY THOSE PENDING MATTERS.**

This Administrative Order shall become effective on January 29, 2007.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2006.

**JOSEPH P. FARINA, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**