

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

**CASE NO. 09-2
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 09-49**

**IN RE: DESIGNATION OF COUNTY
COURT JUDGES AS ACTING CIRCUIT
COURT JUDGES OF THE APPELLATE
DIVISION FOR THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the Appellate Division of the Circuit Court for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit handles a high volume of appellate cases to be determined by three-judge panels sitting in an appellate capacity, and;

WHEREAS, said panels of three judges are comprised of Circuit Judges of each Division throughout the Circuit, which Judges are also responsible for handling their respective Division caseloads, and;

WHEREAS, by Administrative Order issued each year, the undersigned cross-designates all County Judges to serve as Acting Circuit Judges when so designated by their respective Administrative Judges, and;

WHEREAS, many County Judges have indicated a willingness to serve as Acting Circuit Judges in the Appellate Division, where appropriate, and;

WHEREAS, a significant volume of the Appellate Division cases consists of appellate matters arising out of agency, zoning, or administrative action, not consisting of appellate review of County Court orders, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Rule 2.215, of the Rules of Judicial Administration, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. The Administrative Judge of the Appellate Division of this Circuit is hereby authorized to designate County Judges to serve as Acting Circuit Judges of the Appellate Division, from time to time, as he may be so advised, to serve on Appellate Panels in agency, zoning, and administrative appeals or proceedings as a member of the three-judge panel;
2. Said Acting Circuit Judges so designated by the Administrative Judge of the Appellate Division shall not serve as the presiding judge in any such appellate review capacity, but as Associate Judge of the three-judge panel;

3. In such agency, zoning and administrative appellate cases, the three-judge panel shall consist of two Circuit Judges and one Acting Circuit Judge as designated by the Administrative Judge of the Appellate Division;
4. The Administrative Judge of the Appellate Division shall coordinate with the Office of the Clerk in designating the three-judge panels, so that only one such agency, zoning, or administrative appeal will appear on any given oral argument date and the Acting Circuit Judge shall sit only for that appellate matter.
5. Notwithstanding the Acting Circuit Judge sitting as a member of the three-judge panel for agency, zoning and administrative appellate cases, a third Circuit judge will be available to comprise the three-judge panel for all other appellate matters scheduled on the same oral argument date.

This Order shall take effect on January 1, 2010 and shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this _____ day of November, 2009.

**JOEL H. BROWN, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**