

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

**CASE NO. 11-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 11-07**

**IN RE: DISSOLUTION OF SECTION
50; ESTABLISHMENT OF JUDICIAL
SECTIONS 58 AND 59;
REASSIGNMENT OF PENDING
CASES IN SECTION 50 TO CERTAIN
SECTIONS, IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL
DIVISION OF THE ELEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 10-06, Section 50 of the Circuit Civil Division of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida ("Section 50") was specifically established in an effort to eliminate the backlog of foreclosure cases in civil areas, under the non-recurring State funded Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program ("FERP"); and

WHEREAS, funding for the FERP will be discontinued after June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, upon the defunding of the FERP, and in the interest of judicial administration, it is necessary to establish and implement a protocol to effectively manage aged residential mortgage foreclosure cases in Section 50 due to the loss of the FERP funding; and

WHEREAS, while the majority of the Section 50 foreclosure cases have been disposed of, the disposition of those cases in Section 50 pending upon the defunding of FERP on June 30, 2011 ("Pending Cases"), must be handled in a fair and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a fair and efficient manner for handling the Pending Cases would be to equitably reassign such cases to four judicial sections in the Circuit Civil Division; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Pending Cases will be reassigned to judicial Sections 40 and 42, to which Judge Gill Freeman and Judge Joseph P. Farina, respectively, are currently assigned; and

WHEREAS, the remaining Pending Cases will be reassigned to the two (2) herein established judicial sections, to which Judge Michael Genden and Judge Ellen Leesfield, respectively, shall be assigned;

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

1. **DISSOLUTION**. Section 50 of the Circuit Civil Division of the Circuit Civil Division shall be dissolved at the close of business on Thursday, June 30, 2011.
2. **ESTABLISHMENT**. Sections 58 and 59 shall be established on Friday, July 1, 2011, to which Judge Michael Genden and Judge Ellen Leesfield, respectively, shall be assigned.
3. **CASE REASSIGNMENT**. Commencing Friday, July 1, 2011, the Clerk of the Courts is hereby directed and authorized to reassign all of the Pending Cases to the following judicial sections, in a manner historically used by the Clerk to ensure that such sections are equitably populated:

<u>JUDICIAL SECTION NUMBER</u>	<u>ASSIGNED JUDGE</u>
A. 40	Judge Gill Freeman
B. 42	Judge Joseph P. Farina
C. 58	Judge Michael Genden
D. 59	Judge Ellen Leesfield

4. **NOTICE OF CASE REASSIGNMENT**. On or about July 1, 2011, the Clerk of the Courts shall provide notice that the Pending Cases have been reassigned to one of the aforementioned judicial sections.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 19th day of May, 2011.

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