

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

**CASE NO. 13-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 13-07**

**IN RE: PROCEDURES FOR THE
ASSIGNMENT OF CRIMINAL CASES
WITHIN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
DIVISION OF THE ELEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Rule R-09/29/94 ("Local Rule"), the Domestic Violence Division of the Circuit and County Courts in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit was established ("DV Division"), to, inter alia, be responsible for the disposition of certain matters in connection with domestic, dating, sexual, stalking, and repeat violence arising under Chapter 741, Florida Statutes and Chapter 784, Florida Statutes, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Local Rule also entrusts the DV Division with jurisdiction over all misdemeanor cases involving domestic, dating, sexual, stalking and repeat violence and criminal violations of injunctions;

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

The Judges assigned to the Domestic Violence Criminal Division shall hear the following criminal misdemeanor matters:

- 1. CRIMINAL CONTEMPT AND VIOLATION OF INJUNCTIONS**
CHARGES: All charges of criminal contempt of injunctions and all violations of injunctions for protection pursuant to Chapter 741, Florida Statutes or Chapter 784, Florida Statutes, will be heard by the designated Domestic Violence Division Judge. Such charges include all misdemeanor injunction violation cases involving domestic, dating, repeat violence or stalking injunction violations. All criminal violations of injunctions filed in the Branch Courts shall be transferred to the Domestic Violence Criminal Division.

2. **MISDEMEANOR CHARGES:** All other misdemeanor criminal cases involving family or household members as defined in Chapter 741, Florida Statutes, and current or former intimate/dating partners, shall be filed in the Domestic Violence Criminal Division.

This Administrative Order shall be effective upon execution and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 3rd day of December, 2013.

**BERTILA SOTO, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**