

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

**CASE NO. 19-1  
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 19-12**

**IN RE: CLOSURE OF SECTION 26  
IN THE CIRCUIT FAMILY  
DIVISION AND REASSIGNMENT  
OF CASES TO REMAINING  
SECTIONS THEREIN.**

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**WHEREAS**, it was determined that Section 26 in the Circuit Family Division, located at the Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center, should be closed; and

**WHEREAS**, upon such closure, cases currently assigned to Section 26 should be equitably reassigned to the remaining Sections in the Circuit Family Division; and

**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**:

1. Effective, October 11, 2019, Section 26 in the Circuit Family Division, located at the Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center, shall be closed.
2. Upon such closure, pending cases in said Section shall be equitably reassigned to the remaining Sections following the current blindfiling configuration for the remaining judicial sections which will result in such cases being reassigned equally among other remaining divisions in an unpredictable manner.
3. Any inequities in caseload distribution amongst the remaining sections will be adjusted by the Administrative Judge of the Circuit Family Division.
4. The Clerk of the Court is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith reassign the closed cases in Section 26 to the remaining Sections in the Circuit Family Division.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

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