

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

**CASE NO. 21-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER NO. 21-01**

**IN RE: REESTABLISHMENT OF
SECTION 08 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
CRIMINAL DIVISION AND
REASSIGNMENT OF CASES IN
SECTIONS 09 AND 19 TO SAID
DIVISION**

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2015, Section 08 in the Circuit Court Criminal Division, was eliminated; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Section 08 should be reestablished;

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 January 24th, 2021, Section 08 in the Circuit Court Criminal Division, located at the Richard E. Gerstein Justice Building, shall be reestablished.
2. Upon such reestablishment, 300 pending cases in Section 09 and 100 pending cases in section 19 shall be distributed to Section 08.
3. Any inequities in caseload distribution will be adjusted by the Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court Criminal Division.
4. After such equitable distribution, no cases that are to be reassigned shall be retained or heard by the original judge, except as follows:
 - a. Motions for rehearing or new trial;
 - b. Completion of hearing or trial after judge has commenced taking testimony in the case;
 - c. Disposition of cases tried; and/or
 - d. Good cause.
5. If all parties in a case desire the original judge to retain a case, the parties

shall submit a joint motion to the original judge stating specific reasons for retention of the case. If the judge agrees to retain the case, an order will be entered by the Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court Criminal Division, 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 of the Circuit Court Criminal Division.

6. The Clerk of the Courts shall immediately notify all attorneys of record as to the reestablishment of Section 08 and the reassignment of any pending cases from Sections 09 and 19.
7. New case assignments will populate Section 08 in accordance with the established blind filing procedures.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this 5TH day of January 2021.

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