

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

**CASE NO. 20-2
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 14-34 A1
(Amending AO No. 14-34) and
(Rescinding AO No. 15-09)**

**IN RE: AMENDMENT TO
REASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE
WILLIAM THOMAS TO THE
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION OF THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-34, the Honorable William Thomas was reassigned from the Circuit Court Criminal Division to the Circuit Court Civil Division with an effective date of December 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 15-09, the Honorable William Thomas was reassigned to Section 42 in the Circuit Civil Division, but continued to preside over cases assigned to Section 20 in the Circuit Civil Division; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 06-40, entered by this Court on November 29, 2006, and Section 40 was created as the dedicated Complex Business Litigation Section (“CBL”) within the General Jurisdiction Division (n/k/a the Circuit Civil Division) of this Circuit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 16-12, In Re Reaffirmation of the Creation of the Complex Business Litigation in the Circuit Civil Division, a Pilot Program was established on October 26, 2016 for a period of one year commencing January 2, 2017, which increased the number of CBL Sections from one to three by adding Sections 43 and 44; and cases assigned to Section 44 were handled by Judge William Thomas; and

WHEREAS, upon conclusion of the Pilot Program on December 31, 2017, it was determined that only two CBL Sections were necessary to effectively and efficiently handle the caseload in Complex Business Litigation, and pursuant to Administrative Order No 17-11, Section 40 was collapsed and the cases redistributed and reassigned to Sections 43 and 44; with Section 03 serving as a “back-up” section for complex business litigation cases;

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 Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the following amendment to the reassignment of the Honorable William Thomas took effect on Monday, January 2, 2017:

HONORABLE WILLIAM THOMAS was reassigned from Section 42 in the Circuit Civil Division to the Complex Business Litigation Section 44 in the Circuit Civil Division, located at the Dade County Courthouse, for a period of four years from the effective date of said assignment.

Administrative Order No. 15-09 is hereby rescinded. Except as amended herein, Administrative Order No. 14-34 remains in full force and effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida this 2nd day of January, 2020.

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