

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

**CASE NO. 11-2
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 11-50**

**IN RE: EXTENTION OF ASSIGNMENT
OF COUNTY COURT JUDGE DEBORAH
WHITE-LABORA TO TEMPORARILY
REMAIN IN THE DRUG COURT OF THE
ELEVENTH JUDICAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2012**

WHEREAS, upon the retirement of the Honorable Jeffrey Rosinek, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 08-17, entered on June 5, 2008, the Honorable Deborah White-Labora was reassigned from the Domestic Violence Division to the Drug Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida ("Drug Court"); and

WHEREAS, Judge White-Labora has received over one hundred fifty (150) hours of training sponsored by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals in her continuing effort to enhance the effectiveness of Drug Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge White-Labora implemented several initiatives for the betterment of Drug Court and its participants, to include: (a) in January, 2009, the Felony Mental Health Diversion Program that diverts seriously mentally ill defendants from prison and the state hospital by closely monitoring community based services; (b) in 2009, one of the first "tracks" for opiate addicts as a treatment protocol that includes additional case management, counseling and voluntary medication; and (c) in 2010, the specialized Veteran's Track in Drug Court that created a relationship with the Veterans Administration to help insure that veterans received the help and benefits they need and deserve, with such initiatives being featured in several articles in the Miami Herald and other newspapers; and

WHEREAS, Judge White-Labora is in the process of fully implementing a Veteran's Court; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Judge White-Labora's efforts, in 2009, Drug Court was awarded a grant in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) over a three year period, from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to increase participation by women in Drug Court for their benefit and their minor children ("SAMSHA Grant"); and

WHEREAS, having significantly achieved the objectives set forth in the SAMSHA Grant, on December 31, 2012, Judge White-Labora will be re-assigned from Drug Court; and

WHEREAS, in her capacity as Drug Court judge, Judge White-Labora serves on the Addiction Services Board for Miami-Dade County, through which the Board's initiative resulted in the passage of an ordinance by the Board of County Commissioners that addresses the proliferation of "pill mills;" and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the overwhelming success of Drug Court, due in large measure to Judge White-Labora's commitment and initiatives, in view of the upcoming judicial rotation and the contemplated re-assignments relative thereto, Judge White-Labora will temporarily remain in Drug Court until December 31, 2012, whereupon she will be re-assigned to a county court division;

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, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. On December 31, 2012, Judge Deborah White-Labora's assignment to Drug Court will terminate, with no further authorized extensions.
2. Thereafter, Judge White-Labora will be re-assigned to the Domestic Violence Division, or to any other county court division wherein there may be an opening, based on her seniority.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 1st day of December, 2011.

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