

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

**CASE NO. 16-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 15-08 A1
(Amending AO No. 15-08)**

**IN RE: AMENDING AO NO. 15-08 TO
AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE
REASSIGNMENT OF CLOSED
CASES FROM SECTION FC 19 TO
OTHER SECTIONS IN THE FAMILY
DIVISION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 15-08, effective Friday, January 15, 2016, Section FC 19 in the Circuit Court Family Division was closed; and

WHEREAS, upon such closure, pending cases in Section FC 19 were equitably reassigned to the remaining Sections in the Family Division; and

WHEREAS, there was no directive provided in said Administrative Order regarding the manner in which closed cases in Section FC 19 were to be reassigned and subsequently handled in the event such closed cases were reopened;

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. The Clerk of the Court is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith reassign the closed cases in Section FC 19 to the remaining Sections in the Family Division.
2. Such reassignment shall be accomplished under a blind filing system historically utilized in making such reassignments or any similar method which will result in such cases being reassigned equally among the various Sections of the Family Division in an unpredictable manner.
3. Upon such reassignment, any inequities in caseload distribution among the Sections of the Family Division will be adjusted by the Administrative Judge of the Family Division.

4. In the event a closed case that was reassigned is reopened, the case shall be handled in the manner deemed appropriate by the presiding Judge into whose Section the case was reassigned.

Except as otherwise indicated herein, Administrative Order No. 15-08 shall remain in full force and effect.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 22nd day of February, 2016.

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