

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

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 19-11**

**IN RE: DISSOLUTION OF SECTION 41
TRANSFERS IN THE CIVIL DIVISION**

WHEREAS, Section 41 was created as an administrative section by Case No. 19-1, Administrative Order No. 87-8, to handle cases that were transferred from the county court to the circuit court because the amount in controversy exceeded the \$15,000 jurisdictional limit for county court; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Administrative Judge made a prior determination that the county court judge having familiarity with the case would serve as the trial judge handling all matters as acting circuit court judge and transferred the case into Section 41; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has now passed legislation that raised county court jurisdictional limits from \$15,000 to \$30,000 effective January 1, 2020 and to \$50,000 on January 1, 2022, which effectively resolves this jurisdictional issue that the creation of Section 41 was designed to address.

THEREFORE, the Clerk of Court is hereby directed to dissolve Section 41 and reassign all pending matters to the judicial section of the assigned county court judge. All pending cases shall reflect the section of the county court judge who shall continue to handle the matter as acting circuit court judge.

The Clerk is further directed to reassign closed cases that are later reopened in this section to the county court judge determined to be the trial judge, and reflect the judicial section for the county court judge or any replacement judge assigned to that judicial section on the case.

Section 41 shall not receive any future filings. County court cases requesting transfer to the circuit court due to jurisdictional limits shall be reviewed by the Circuit Court Administrative Judge. If it is determined that the case is to be transferred to the circuit court, the case shall be assigned the judicial section of the county court judge who shall serve as acting circuit court judge in this case.

This Administrative Order shall take effect upon execution and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this 8th day of October, 2019.

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