

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

**CASE NO. 11-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 11-10**

**IN RE: ELIMINATION OF SECTION
02 IN THE COUNTY COURT CIVIL
DIVISION AND REASSIGNMENT OF
CASES IN SECTION 02 TO
SECTIONS 03 AND 04 IN SAID
DIVISION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 08-19, Section 02 ("Section 02") in the County Court Civil Division ("Division"), located at the South Dade Justice Center, was eliminated; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 09-19, it was determined that Section 02 should be re-established; and

WHEREAS, due to a restructuring of the entire caseload within the Division at the South Dade Justice Center, it has again been determined that Section 02 should be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, upon such elimination, cases presently pending in Section 02 should be equitably reassigned to Sections 03 and 04 in said Division;

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, Monday, September 26, 2011, Section 02 in the County Court Civil Division, located at the South Dade Justice Center, shall be eliminated.
2. Upon such elimination, pending cases in Section 02 shall be equitably reassigned to the remaining two County Court Civil Sections, as follows:
 - a. SP cases should be equally reassigned to Sections 03 and 04.
 - b. CC cases should be equally reassigned to Sections 03 and 04.

3. Any inequities in caseload distribution among Sections 03 and 04 will be adjusted by the Administrative Judge of the County Court Civil Division.
4. No cases shall be retained or heard by the original judge upon reassignment to either Section 03 or 04, except as follows:
 - a. Motions for rehearing or new trial;
 - b. Motions to vacate final judgments, including summary judgments;
 - c. Completion of hearing or trial after judge has commenced taking testimony in the case;
 - d. Disposition of cases tried; and/or
 - e. 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 County Court Civil 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 County Court Civil Division.
6. The Clerk of the Courts shall immediately notify all attorneys of record as to the elimination of Section 02 and the reassignment of any pending cases therein.

This Order shall take effect on Monday, September 26, 2011 and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this 9th day of September, 2011.

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