

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

**CASE NO. 17-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 17-10
(Companion to AO No. 17-8)**

**IN RE: CLOSURE OF SECTIONS D201,
J201 AND FC 201, IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT UNIFIED CHILDREN'S COURT
DIVISION AND REASSIGNMENT OF
CASES TO REMAINING SECTIONS
THEREIN.**

WHEREAS, it was determined that the Unified Children's Court Division (UCC), formerly known as Unified Family Court Division (UFC), Judicial Section D201, J201 and FC 201, located at the Miami-Dade County Children's Courthouse should be closed; and

WHEREAS, upon such closure, stand-alone dependency and stand-alone delinquency cases presently pending in UCC, Judicial Sections D201 and J201, should be reassigned to the originating Dependency or Delinquency Sections; and

WHEREAS, upon such closure, stand-alone family cases presently pending in UCC, Judicial Section FC 201, should be reassigned to Judge Ariana Fajardo Orshan's designated Judicial Section in the Family Division; and

WHEREAS, upon such closure, any matters that are not identified in the aforementioned categories and are pending in Judicial Sections D201, J201 and FC 201, should be reassigned to a Unified Children's Court Family Section; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the closure, the section number should remain available in the event Judicial Sections D201, J201 and FC 201, have to be 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 here **ORDERED**:

1. Effective December 5, 2017, UFC, Judicial Sections D201, J201 and FC 201 in the Circuit Court Unified Children's Court Division, located at the Miami-Dade County Children's Courthouse, shall be closed.

2. Upon such closure, pending stand-alone Delinquency cases in UCC, Section J201, shall be reassigned to the originating Delinquency Section.
3. Upon such closure, pending stand-alone Dependency cases in UCC, Section D201, shall be reassigned to the originating Dependency Section.
4. Upon such closure, pending stand-alone Family cases in UCC, Section FC 201, shall be reassigned to Judge Ariana Fajardo Orshan's designated Judicial Section in the Family Division.
5. Upon such closure, any matters that are not identified in the aforementioned categories and are pending in Judicial Sections D201, J201 and FC 201, shall be reassigned to a Unified Children's Court Family Section.
6. Any inequities in caseload distribution amongst the remaining Judicial Sections will be adjusted by the Administrative Judge of the Unified Children's Court Division.
7. A Reassignment/Transfer Order or a Standing Order of Reassignment shall be issued only by the Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court Unified Children's Court Division or the Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court Family Division.
8. All attorneys of record and pro se litigants will be notified as to the closure of Judicial Sections D201, J201, and FC 201, and the reassignment of any pending cases therein.
9. Notwithstanding the closure of Sections D201, J201, and FC 201, the Clerk is directed to retain the section numbers in the event Judicial Sections D201, J201, and FC 201, must be reopened.

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

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 5th day of December, 2017.

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