

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

**CASE NO. 13-2  
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 12-21 A3  
(Amending AO No. 12-21, as amended)**

**IN RE: AMENDING DESIGNATION  
OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS AND  
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR  
MOTIONS TO EXCEED FEE LIMITS**

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 12-21, the undersigned designated certain judicial officers to hear and determine motions to exceed the fee limits filed by court appointed counsel, in accordance with section 27.5304(12)(b) ("Motions"); and

**WHEREAS**, as set forth in said Administrative Order, as amended, Motions to exceed fee limits filed in the Circuit and County Court Criminal Divisions, and Probate and Guardianship Division were to be heard and determined by the Honorable Leon Firtel and the Honorable Marisa Tinkler Mendez, respectively, on a quarterly rotational basis beginning July 1, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, as set forth in Administrative Order No. 12-51, the Honorable Leon M. Firtel was re-assigned from the Circuit Criminal Division, located in the Richard E. Gerstein Justice Building, to the Family Court Circuit Division, located in the Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center, effective March 4, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, since Judge Tinkler Mendez is unavailable in June, 2013 to hear the Motions, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 12-21 A2, the Honorable Jose L. Fernandez was designated to replace the Honorable Leon Firtel to hear and determine the Motions beginning on or about June 3, 2013, rather than at the beginning of his designated quarterly assignment in July, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to maintain the consistency of the quarterly rotations, it has been determined that Judge Fernandez will be designated as the substitute for Judge Tinkler Mendez to hear and determine the June, 2013 Motions, with his actual rotation beginning on or about July 1, 2013;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Administrative Order No. 12-21, as amended, is

hereby amended in the following particulars:

1. For motions to exceed the fee limits filed in the Circuit and County Court Criminal Divisions, and Probate and Guardianship Division:

The Honorable Jose L. Fernandez is hereby designated to replace the Honorable Leon Firtel to hear and determine said motions beginning on or about July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013, and the Honorable Marisa Tinkler Mendez will hear and determine said motions for the second fiscal year quarter beginning on or about October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, with said quarterly rotation by the designees continuing until further order of the Court.

Except as herein amended, all other provisions set forth in Administrative Order No. 12-21, as amended, are and shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Court.

This Administrative Order shall become effective immediately upon exception.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 16th day of April, 2013.

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