

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

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 19-04
(Rescinding AO Nos. 15-06 and 15-06
A1)**

**IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL
DESIGNEE FOR CASES INVOLVING
CHILDREN KNOWN OR SUSPECTED
OF BEING VICTIMS OF HUMAN
TRAFFICKING IN THE UNIFIED
CHILDREN'S COURT DIVISION**

WHEREAS, Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, grants the Chief Judge the authority to adopt administrative orders necessary to ensure the operation of the court system; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined, that in the interest of judicial economy, the Chief Judge finds it necessary to establish procedures for the expeditious and efficient resolution of cases involving children known or suspected of being a victim of human trafficking ("Human Trafficking Cases"), as defined in section 787.06(2)(d), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, specialized training and expertise of the judiciary is required in order to appropriately handle Human Trafficking Cases; and

WHEREAS, the **HONORABLE ANGELICA D. ZAYAS** has received such training and has the expertise;

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. All cases involving children known or suspected of being a victim of human trafficking, initially filed in the dependency section of the Unified Children Court Division and unrelated to any other cases in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, shall be assigned, and if necessary, transferred by the Clerk of the Court to the Honorable Angelica D. Zayas.

2. Any judge assigned to the Human Trafficking specialty court, either as the primary judge or as the back-up judge, will have six (6) months from the date of

assignment to complete at least an eight (8) hour course given by the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking or a comparable course approved by the Administrative Judge of the Unified Children's Court Division.

3. In the event the Honorable Angelica D. Zayas or an assigned back-up judge is unavailable, the Administrative Judge of the Unified Children's Court Division shall determine who shall handle the Human Trafficking Case(s) in her stead.

4. If related cases are identified in other divisions of the Circuit after the assignment or transfer of the Human Trafficking Cases to the Honorable Angelica D. Zayas, the disposition of such cases shall be governed by the procedures established for handling crossover related cases in the Circuit, as applicable.

This Administrative Order shall be effective immediately upon signing, and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court. Administrative Order Nos. 15-06 and 15-06 A1 are rescinded and held for naught.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 17th day of June 2019.

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