

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

**CASE NO. 15-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 15-08**

**IN RE: CLOSURE OF SECTION FC
19 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY
DIVISION AND REASSIGNMENT OF
CASES TO REMAINING SECTIONS
THEREIN.**

WHEREAS, it was determined that Section FC 19 in the Circuit Court Family Division, located at Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center, should be closed; and

WHEREAS, upon such closure, cases presently pending in Section FC 19 should be equitably reassigned to the remaining Sections in the Family Division; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the closure, the section number should remain available in the event Section FC 19 has 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 hereby **ORDERED**:

1. Effective, Friday, January 15, 2016, Section FC 19 in the Circuit Court Family Division, located at Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center, shall be closed.
2. Upon such closure, pending cases in said Section shall be equitably reassigned to the remaining Sections in the Family Division.
3. Any inequities in caseload distribution amongst the remaining Sections will be adjusted by the Administrative Judge of the Family Division.
4. 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 Family Division transferring the case back to the original judge, without the necessity of a hearing.

5. The Clerk of the Courts shall immediately notify all attorneys of record as to the closure of Section FC 19 and the reassignment of any pending cases therein.
6. Notwithstanding the closure of Section FC 19, the Clerk is further directed to retain the section number in the event Section FC 19 has to 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 17th day of December, 2015.

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