

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

**CASE NO. 23-2
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 23-31**

(Rescinding AO No. 79-08)

**IN RE: RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
FILING AND TRANSFER OF CASES IN
THE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION OF THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 79-08 established the procedures for the filing and transfer of cases in the Civil Division of the County Court;

WHEREAS, the Civil Division of the County Court has continued to see an increase in new case filings over the past five years;

WHEREAS, the increase in case filings has been limited to particular branch locations resulting in inequities of judicial workload;

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce judicial forum shopping and the length of time it takes to dispose of a county civil case, and in an effort to reduce costs and delays associated with a such uneven distribution of cases;

WHEREAS, the Court has determined it is necessary to change the current blind filing process to accommodate this continued increase in case filings, as well as to address the inequities in judicial workload across the County Civil Division;

WHEREAS, in an effort to re-establish procedures on the filing of cases in the Civil Division of the County Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Rule 2.215 of the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. Actions filed in the Civil Division of the County Court shall be filed and assigned to Sections pursuant to a blind filing system. The blind filing pool will include all division judges across each of the six branch court locations and the central location. The Section to which the case is assigned at the time of filing shall hear

the pre-trial conference, trial, any motion or post-trial motion relating to saidcase, except that the Administrative Judge of the Division may reassign the case for good cause.

2. Pending cases arising from the same or substantially identical transactions, happenings or events; cases calling for determination of the same or substantially identical questions of law; and cases which for other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different Sections shall be reassigned by the Administrative Judge to the Section before which the first such case is filed, as shown by the time stamped by the Clerk thereon.

Administrative Order 79-8 is hereby rescinded and held for naught. This Administrative Order shall take effect on June 5, 2023. To the extent that any portion of this Administrative Order may be construed as conflicting with any law, statute, or rule, the law, statute, or rule shall prevail.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this 2nd day of June 2023.



NUSHIN G. SAYFIE, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA