

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5.113-06/2022

IN RE: DOMESTIC RELATIONS FAMILY DIVISION “FD”
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Having a limited number of available circuit judges, the Circuit has decided that Domestic Relations Division “FD” will no longer receive newly filed/reopened cases in order to provide for the creation of an additional division elsewhere within the court’s jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

A. NEW FILINGS

1. Effective immediately, the Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller (Clerk) will not assign any newly filed cases to Division “FD”.
2. The Clerk shall assign newly filed cases pursuant to the criteria set forth in Administrative Order 5.101.
3. In the event that a newly filed case has a related case in Division “FD” the Clerk shall advise the Family Court Manager by email of the related case at the time of case initiation.

B. CASES IN A PENDING/REOPENED STATUS OR SCHEDULED FOR HEARING

1. Cases in a pending or reopened status, as of the date of this Administrative Order, shall remain assigned to Family Division “FD”.
2. Any case currently scheduled for a hearing and/or trial, shall remain as scheduled in Family Division “FD”.

C. ASSIGNMENT OF REOPENED, CLOSED CASES

1. Closed cases previously assigned to Division “FD” which are reopened after the date of this Administrative Order, shall be immediately randomly reassigned according to the zip code regional assignment process set forth in Administrative Order 5.101.

2. The Clerk shall issue a Notice of Reassignment. The Clerk's Notice will be served on the attorney of record or self-represented litigant. The issuance of the Notice of Reassignment shall effectuate the transfer of the case. The Clerk will update its case maintenance system at the time of issuing the Notice. The Notice of Reassignment shall be docketed and available for public viewing within one (1) business day of the reassignment.

DONE and SIGNED in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 6th day of June, 2022.



Glenn Kelley
Chief Judge