

**AMENDED ORDER GOVERNING THE REASSIGNMENT
OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES**

WHEREAS, it is not unusual for parties in domestic relations cases to have multiple cases pending in the Domestic Relations Division of the Circuit Court which are assigned to different subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of judicial economy, it is frequently requested that these cases be reassigned to a single judge for purposes of case disposition; and

WHEREAS, the expenditure of substantial legal and judicial labor has been necessitated by the preparation, filing and processing of motions and orders to accomplish reassignment in the past which could be avoided through the authority of an Administrative Order to permit such cases to be automatically reassigned by the Clerk of Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Belvin Perry, Jr., pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.050 order the following:

1. The Clerk of Court shall automatically reassign domestic relations cases, filed in Orange County as follows:
 - a. The Clerk shall reassign domestic relations cases to the subdivision in which the pending related dissolution case is assigned, if existing; or
 - b. If no related pending dissolution case exists, the Clerk shall reassign domestic

relations cases to the subdivision in which the pending related paternity case is assigned, if existing; or

c. If no related pending dissolution or paternity case exists, the Clerk shall reassign domestic relations cases to the subdivision in which the pending related child support case is assigned, if existing; or

d. If no related dissolution, paternity, or child support case exists, the Clerk shall reassign domestic relations cases to the subdivision in which the pending domestication of a foreign judgment case is assigned, if existing; or

e. If no related dissolution, paternity, child support, or domestication of a foreign judgment case exists, the Clerk shall reassign domestic relations cases to the subdivision in which the pending domestic violence case is assigned, if existing.

2. For purposes of this Order, a “pending” case shall be defined as one which has not been disposed of by the entry of a final judgment or an order of dismissal or one in which pleadings or orders have been filed within the preceding year. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent reassignment of domestic relations cases to other than pending cases between the same parties by the Administrative Judge(s) on a case by case basis upon motion.

3. This Administrative Order is effective immediately and Administrative Order No. 2000-2 -1 dated October 29, 2002 is vacated and set aside.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 23rd day of May, 2003.

/s/ Belvin Perry, Jr.
Belvin Perry, Jr.
Chief Judge

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