

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2012-21

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CREATING CIRCUIT COURT
SUBDIVISION 12-A & ESTABLISHING A CASELOAD, OSCEOLA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Circuit and County Courts in Osceola County are organized into divisions for more efficient case and records management; and

WHEREAS, caseloads in each division are identified by numbered subdivisions to facilitate the exchange of caseloads when changes of division assignment occur; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, the caseloads in the criminal felony divisions in Osceola County have dramatically increased in size; and

WHEREAS, following a careful review of case filings and caseloads of Division A, Circuit Criminal Division of this Court in Osceola County, the volume of cases filed warrant the creation of Subdivision 12-A;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Belvin Perry, Jr., pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, order that Subdivision 12-A is hereby created, **effective immediately**, unless otherwise provided herein.

The following procedures shall be followed to accumulate a caseload for Subdivision 12-A:

1. By November 15, 2012, the Office of the Public Defender will identify to the Clerk of Court 250 cases from the active caseload of Subdivision 10-A to be reassigned to Subdivision 12-A on January 1, 2013. By November 15, 2012, the Office of the State

Attorney will identify to the Clerk of Court 250 cases from the active caseload of Subdivision 11-A to be reassigned to Subdivision 12-A on January 1, 2013. All violation of probation cases shall remain in their current subdivision. The Clerk of Court shall immediately notate in the CourtView case management system which cases shall be reassigned to Subdivision 12-A.

2. After the selection process is completed, the Clerk of Court shall provide the Judges of Subdivisions 10-A and 11-A a list of his/her presently assigned cases that have been selected for reassignment to Subdivision 12-A. These Judges may then review the list and designate any cases that should not be reassigned. It shall be the responsibility of these Judges to immediately notify the Clerk of Court of any such cases. Only after review and confirmation by the Judges shall the Clerk of Court finalize the list of cases to be reassigned.

3. Beginning October 22, 2012, and to continue until January 1, 2013, or such later date as may be determined by the Chief Judge, the Clerk of Court shall assign all newly filed felony criminal cases via an equal four-way split with two parts assigned to Subdivision 12-A and one part each assigned to Subdivisions 10-A and 11-A.

4. Through January 1, 2013, all matters in cases reassigned to Subdivision 12-A, such as arraignments and short trials, shall be handled by the subdivision judge from whom the case was reassigned.

5. Through January 1, 2013, all matters in cases reassigned to Subdivision 12-A which are to be scheduled on or after January 2, 2012, shall be coordinated through the office of the Honorable Jon Morgan.

6. All first-degree murder cases shall be brought to the attention of the

Administrative Judge for equal assignment between Subdivisions 10-A, 11-A, and 12-A.

7. Effective January 1, 2013, the Clerk of Court shall begin assigning all newly filed felony criminal cases equally and randomly among Subdivisions 10-A, 11-A, and 12-A.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 17th day of October, 2012.

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

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