ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2016-08

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

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DE-ACTIVATING</u>
<u>CIRCUIT COURT SUBDIVISION 04-4, ORANGE COUNTY</u>

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the chief judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and the power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the chief judge's constitutional and statutory responsibility for administrative supervision of the courts within the circuit and to create and maintain an organization capable of effecting the efficient, prompt, and proper administration of justice for the citizens of this State, the chief judge is required to exercise direction, *see* Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.215(b)(2), (b)(3); and

WHEREAS, the Circuit and County Courts in Orange 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 sake of judicial economy and to prevent confusion, occasionally subdivisions may need to be de-activated and new subdivisions created;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frederick J. Lauten, 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, and following a careful review of case filings and caseloads of the

Family Court Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency Division of this Court, order that Subdivision 04-4 is hereby de-activated, **effective immediately**, to continue until further order and superseding any provisions in prior Administrative Orders which may be inconsistent.

The following procedures shall be followed to re-assign the current caseload for Subdivision 04-4:

1. **Beginning June 20, 2016**, the Clerk of Court shall stop assigning newly filed juvenile delinquency cases to Subdivision 04-4.

2. **Beginning June 20, 2016**, the Clerk of Court shall randomly and equally re-assign the remaining caseload of Subdivision 04-4 to Subdivisions 06-4 and 08-4. In making its selection of cases, the Clerk of Court shall ensure that all cases involving the same child are selected together so that no child ends up with his/her cases assigned to multiple subdivisions. The Clerk of Court shall also ensure that all cases with multiple defendants are assigned to the same subdivision.

3. **Beginning June 20, 2016**, the Clerk of Court shall also randomly and equally re-assign all violation of probation cases assigned to Subdivision 04-4 to Subdivisions 06-4, and 08-4. In making its selection of cases, the Clerk of Court shall ensure that all cases involving the same child are selected together so that no child ends up with his/her cases assigned to multiple subdivisions.

4. Should there be a child with more than one pending violation of probation case, and a violation of probation case with a new law violation, the Clerk of Court shall assign all of the child's violation of probation cases to the lowest case number division so that the child shall have all active violation of probation cases in one subdivision.

5. **Effective June 20, 2016**, the Clerk of Court shall begin assigning all newly filed juvenile delinquency cases equally and randomly among Subdivisions 06-4 and 08-4 except that where the child has a prior or pending case, the newly filed juvenile delinquency case shall be assigned in accordance with Administrative Order 2002-06-04.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 2nd day of June, 2016.

_____/s/_____
Frederick J. Lauten
Chief Judge

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