

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 2016-12-02

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

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CREATING SUBDIVISION 47-3 IN  
THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
DE-ACTIVATING CIRCUIT SUBDIVISION 02-5 AND ESTABLISHING  
CASELOADS, ORANGE COUNTY**

**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 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, new subdivisions created, and existing subdivisions caseloads modified; and

**WHEREAS**, case filings in the Domestic Relations Division warrant the creation of an additional subdivision to assist;

**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, to continue until further order and superseding any provisions in prior Administrative Orders which may be inconsistent, and following a careful review of case filings and caseloads, order that Subdivision 47-3 is hereby created, to begin **June 18, 2018**, unless otherwise provided herein. The following procedures shall be followed in order to accumulate a caseload for Subdivision 47-3 and to have the Subdivision ready for disposition of cases to begin on **July 2, 2018**:

1. An initial caseload for Subdivision 47-3 shall be established in the following manner: the Clerk of Court shall immediately re-assign 16.67% of the existing caseload from each of the five (5) existing domestic relations subdivisions (to exclude Subdivision 30-3) and shall furnish the Judge in each current subdivision a list of those cases re-assigned from the subdivision. The Judge in each subdivision shall furnish to the Clerk a list of those cases that the Judge has determined should not be transferred. On **June 18, 2018**, the Clerk shall transfer those cases which the Clerk has randomly selected to Subdivision 47-3.

2. A full domestic relations caseload for Subdivision 30-3 shall be established in the following manner: On **June 18, 2018**, after establishing the initial caseload for Subdivision 47-3, the Clerk of Court shall then re-assign 3.5% of the existing caseload from each of the six (6) existing domestic relations subdivisions to Subdivision 30-3. The Clerk shall also use the list of cases that should not be transferred created pursuant to paragraph 1 in creating the caseload for Subdivision 30-3.

3. Effective **immediately**, Circuit Court Subdivision 02-5, Orange County, shall not be assigned any new cases and shall be de-activated **July 2, 2018**. All cases

currently assigned to Subdivision 02-5 shall be transferred to Subdivision 01-5.

Beginning immediately, all cases which would have been assigned to Subdivision 02-5 shall be assigned to Subdivision 01-5.

4. All emergency matters and all pending matters in those cases re-assigned to Subdivision 47-3 that are scheduled to be heard prior to July 2, 2018, shall be heard by the subdivision to which the case was assigned prior to June 18, 2018.

5. All matters in those cases re-assigned to Subdivision 47-3 which are to be scheduled on or after July 2, 2018, should be coordinated with the office of Judge Julie H. O’Kane, who will be assigned to Subdivision 47-3 as of that date.

6. Administrative Order 2016-12-01 is vacated and set aside except to the extent that it has been incorporated and/or amended herein. Vacating an Administrative Order that vacates a prior Order does not revive the prior Order.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Orlando, Florida, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

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Frederick J. Lauten  
Chief Judge

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