

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER MODIFYING THE CASELOAD FOR
SUBDIVISION 41-3 IN THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT IN 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 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;

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 the following procedures shall be followed in order to modify the caseload for Subdivision 41-3:

1. By **June 24, 2019**, the Orange County Clerk of Court shall divide the current caseload of Circuit Court Subdivision 41-3 by half in the following manner: one half of the open cases shall be divided into six equal parts and randomly reassigned to the other six domestic relations subdivisions and one half of the closed cases shall be divided into six equal parts and randomly reassigned to the other six domestic relations subdivisions.

2. Beginning **June 24, 2019**, the Clerk of Court shall randomly assign one case of all newly filed domestic relations cases to Subdivision 41-3 for every two newly filed domestic relations cases assigned to each of the other domestic relations subdivisions.

3. All emergency matters and all pending matters in those cases re-assigned from Subdivision 41-3 that are scheduled to be heard prior to July 1, 2019, shall be heard by Judge Donald A. Myers, Jr.

4. All matters in those cases re-assigned from Subdivision 41-3 which are to be scheduled on or after July 1, 2019, should be coordinated with the office of the current Judge of the subdivision to which the case was reassigned.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 18th day of June, 2019.

_____/s/_____
Frederick J. Lauten
Chief Judge

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