

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2019-08

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REOPENING BUSINESS COURT

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 Ninth Judicial Circuit started the first business court in the State of Florida in 2003; and

WHEREAS, this specialty subdivision handled a reduced caseload due to the complexity of the cases and the specialized knowledge and training required to preside over such a subdivision; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, workloads in other divisions of the Court have increased dramatically, but no additional judicial resources had been provided to the Ninth Judicial Circuit despite the Court qualifying for those resources; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the workload in other court divisions increased to the breaking point, necessitating the closing of the business court to reallocate overtaxed

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resources to serve the immediate needs of children and families in the Ninth Circuit; and

WHEREAS, at the close of the Legislative Session on May 3, 2019, the Florida Legislature agreed to allocate and fund one additional Judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, representing the first expansion of the judicial workforce in thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has signed the bill allocating an additional Judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, and it is anticipated that the Governor will approve the funding of the allocated judicial position; and

WHEREAS, due to the concerted efforts of many, the Ninth Judicial Circuit shall reestablish a business court subdivision which will provide a case management structure that facilitates more timely, effective, and predictable resolution of complex business cases thereby improving the efficiency of the courts, which benefits all litigants;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frederick J. Lauten, in order to facilitate the efficient operation of the administration of justice, and 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, hereby order, **effective July 1, 2019**, the re-activation of a Business Court Subdivision in the Circuit Civil Division of this Court, Orange County.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 20th day of June, 2019.



Frederick J. Lauten
Chief Judge

Witness my hand and official seal this 8 day of July 2019
Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Dorcia Dior P Deputy Clerk

