ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CREATING CIRCUIT COURT SUBDIVISION 36-2 AND ESTABLISHING A CASELOAD, 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. Gen. Prac. & 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; and

WHEREAS, case filings in the Circuit Civil Division in Orange County warrant the creation of an additional subdivision to assist;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa T. Munyon, 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 General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, and following a careful review of case filings and caseloads, order that

Subdivision 36-2 is hereby created, to begin **July 1, 2021**, unless otherwise provided herein. The following procedures shall be followed in order to accumulate a caseload for Subdivision 36-2 and to have the subdivision ready for disposition of cases to begin on **July 1, 2021**:

1. An initial caseload for Subdivision 36-2 shall be established in the following manner: the Clerk of Court shall re-assign 473 active cases from Subdivision 33-2; 891 active cases from Subdivision 34-2; 319 active cases from Subdivision 35-2; 496 active cases from Subdivision 37-2; 657 active cases from Subdivision 39-2; and 195 active cases from Subdivision 40 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 July 1, 2021, the Clerk shall transfer those cases which the Clerk has randomly selected to Subdivision 36-2.

Additionally, the Clerk shall re-assign 1/7th of the closed cases from 2014 to present from each of the six current circuit civil subdivisions to Subdivision 36-2.

- 2. All hearings scheduled to be heard between July 1, 2021 and July 16, 2021 will be heard by the originally assigned subdivision as scheduled and hearings set to be heard on or after July 19, 2021 will be heard by the newly assigned subdivision.
- 3. For all matters scheduled to be heard on or after July 19, 2021 in those cases re-assigned to Subdivision 36-2, the parties shall contact the Subdivision 36-2 judicial assistant for instructions or coordinate new hearing dates and times using Subdivision 36-2 JACS.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this <u>fine</u> day of July, 2021.

Lisa T. Munyon

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