

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2.070

IN RE:

REASSIGNMENT OF CASES
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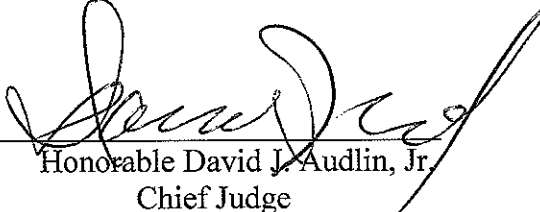
WHEREAS, the Chief Judge is charged by Rule 2.215(b)(4), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration with the responsibility of prompt and efficient administration of the court's business, including assigning judges to courts and divisions in the Circuit, and

WHEREAS, the prompt and proper disposition of cases can be achieved by the establishment of procedures for the reassignment of cases within all divisions and subdivisions of the Circuit and County Courts in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- A. Cases filed in all court divisions shall be assigned at the time of filing by the Clerk of Court according to the parameters outlined by Circuit Court Division Assignment and County Court Division Assignment Administrative Orders entered by the Chief Judge.
- B. Except for sufficient cause shown, the judge to whom a cause is initially assigned shall hear the case throughout, except that the Chief Judge may reassign any case over which he has authority to do so for any reason appearing to him to be sufficient.
- C. When two or more cases are concurrently pending in a similar division of the Circuit or County Court which might be appropriately considered or tried together, but which are assigned to different judges, either judge, upon learning of the same, shall so advise the Chief Judge, who may reassign the companion case(s). Any such reassignment, once made, shall remain permanent, regardless of the fact that the cases may not be ultimately tried together.
- D. When a Circuit Judge or a County Judge enters an order of disqualification or recusal in a case, such order shall be forwarded to the Chief Judge for reassignment of the case.

DONE AND ORDERED at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this 23 day of May, 2012.



Honorable David J. Audlin, Jr.
Chief Judge