

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Order Number 2008-28-Crim

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ASSIGNING  
JUDGES TO ALTERNATE COVERAGE**

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(a) Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states the chief judge shall “develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all courts within that circuit.”

(b) In accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is ordered:

(1) This Administrative Order shall govern the assignment of judges to preside as alternates to each other for circuit criminal matters.

(2) The alternate assignments are in the following groups with each judge in the group an alternate to the other judges in the group:

- i. Judges Ana Gardiner, Ilona M. Holmes, Susan Lebow, and Peter M. Weinstein
- ii. Judges Paul L. Backman, Pedro E. Dijols, Stanton S. Kaplan, and Eileen M. O’Connor
- iii. Judges Martin Bidwill, Michael Gates, Marc H. Gold, Jeffrey R. Levenson, and Michele Towbin Singer
- iv. Judges Cynthia G. Imperato, Michael Kaplan, John J. Murphy, III, Mily Rodriguez-Powell, and Andrew L. Siegel

(3) If the assigned judge is not in the courthouse and an emergency matter arises, the matter shall be presented to an alternate judge for resolution. The alternate judge shall review the matter to determine if in fact an emergency exists which would require immediate attention. If the alternate judge determines the matter an emergency, he or she, shall proceed to enter any and all orders or warrants as are necessary. If the alternate judge determines the matter is not an emergency, he or she, shall forward the pleading/paper/warrant and court file to the assigned judge. The alternate judge shall give priority to the signing of warrants and shall expedite the signing of warrants over any and all other duties and responsibilities as a criminal division judge.

(4) If all alternate judges are unavailable the matter shall then be presented to the criminal duty judge for resolution. If all alternate judges and criminal duty judge are unavailable the matter shall be presented to the Administrative Judge for the Circuit Criminal Division for resolution. If all alternate judges, criminal duty judge, and

Administrative Judge for the Circuit Criminal Division are unavailable the matter shall be presented to the Chief Judge for resolution. If all of the foregoing are not available the attorney, law enforcement officer, or probation officer shall go to Court Administration, Room 880A, Broward County Courthouse, 201 S.E. Sixth Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 for assistance in locating a judge.

(5) This Administrative Order rescinds and supersedes Administrative Order III-07-B-4.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on February 7, 2008.

s/ Victor Tobin  
Victor Tobin, Chief Judge