

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. V-02-A-1A

IN RE:

DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS
JUVENILE/DELINQUENCY/FAMILY
DEPENDENCY AND
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Rule 2.050 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is

ORDERED that:

Effective **Tuesday, February 19, 2002**, case assignments will be made in the following manner:

1. All delinquency petitions shall be randomly assigned for a percentage case distribution among the juvenile judges as follows:

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| Judge Robert Collins* | (Approx. 35% of total filed cases) |
| Judge Howard Zeidwig | (Approx. 35% of total filed cases) |
| Fill In/Temporary Judge(s) | (Approx. 11% of total filed cases) |
| Judge Larry Seidlin | (Approx. 19% of total filed cases) |
| Judge Lawrence Korda | Adjudicatory Hearings |

Judge Martin Dishowitz is appointed as a part-time acting Circuit Judge to preside over all pre-adjudicatory hearing matters for the "Fill-in" subdivision.

Adjudicatory Hearings and post-adjudicatory matters for this "Fill-in" Subdivision will be heard by Judge Dale Ross.

Judge Lawrence Korda will hear the overflow adjudicatory hearings from **all divisions**.

Judges Collins, Seidlin and Zeidwig shall serve as judicial alternates to each other.

2. Judge Marcia Beach shall be assigned all delinquency juvenile drug court cases. The cases will be assigned to Judge Beach by transfer order or referral from any of the Juvenile Judges.

3. Effective **February 19, 2002** all new dependency and termination of parental rights cases shall be assigned randomly to provide for an equitable case distribution among the dependency subdivisions as follows:

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| Judge John Frusciante | Subdivision DA |
| Judge Susan Aramony | Subdivision DB |
| Judge Richard Eade | Subdivision DC |
| Fourth Judge | Subdivision DD** |

** The effective date of Subdivision DD shall be established by separate Order.

Cases previously assigned to subdivisions DA, DB, and DC shall remain in the respective subdivisions.

Judges Frusciante, Aramony, Eade and the fourth judge (to be named) shall serve as judicial alternates to each other.

4. On a case-by-case basis, dependency hearings identified by the dependency judges may be assigned through the Chief Judge, to a designated county judge at the Central, North or South Courthouses. In such cases, the designated county judge will be assigned as a temporary juvenile judge under separate order.

5. Judge Lawrence Korda is assigned as a juvenile judge to hear termination of parental rights cases as referred by Dependency Judges.

6. Effective **January 29, 2002** a general master will be assigned to each case in each dependency subdivision and upon new case assignment for the purpose of hearing non-permanency judicial review hearings as follows:

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| General Master Nicholas Lopane | Subdivision DA |
| General Master Debbie McClosky | Subdivision DB |
| General Master Marina Garcia-Wood | Subdivision DC |

General Master assignments to Subdivision DD shall be established by a subsequent order.

An Order of Referral to General Master must be issued to authorize the general master to preside over each judicial review hearing.

A Report of the General Master shall be produced for the assigned judge's review and distribution to the parties on each case heard by the general master. Each case must be reviewed by the assigned judge at least one time every twelve (12) months.

7. Emergency matters should first be presented before the judge in the subdivision to which the case is assigned. If the assigned judge is not available, then the case should be presented before an alternate judge.

8. Whenever possible, each defendant shall be filed upon separately in a single petition for adjudication of delinquency, so the case can be assigned to the appropriate division. Where such filing is not possible, the division in which the oldest child's case is assigned is controlling for assignment purposes.

9. In delinquency cases, Supplementary proceedings, i.e., Violations of Community Control, Petitions for Change of Custody, Petitions for Review, Rules to Show Cause, will go to the division where the case was originally filed.

10. Division DD shall be assigned to the Juvenile and Family/Dependency Divisions. The DD Judge will preside over weekday delinquency detention and dependency shelter hearings. Until the effective date for the creation of Subdivision DD, detention and dependency hearings shall continue to be handled by the General Jurisdiction (GJ) Judge as established and prescribed by Administrative Order V-00-A-1C.

11. The Clerk of Court is directed to periodically audit and review the case assignments to insure each delinquency and dependency judge has the approximate distribution or assignment of cases, as indicated above. Should the case assignment ratio become unbalanced, the Clerk shall advise the Chief Judge

An asterisk (*) designates Administrative Judge.

This Order supersedes Administrative Order V-00-A-1C, except as to the provisions for the GJ Judge as herein above referred.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida this 19th day of February, 2002.

/s/DALE ROSS
DALE ROSS, Chief Judge

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