

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

Order Number 2007-82-CO

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING
COUNTY COURT JUDICIAL RELIEF**

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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) County judges assigned to the central courthouse shall provide relief coverage pursuant to the schedule distributed by the county court administrative judge.
 - (2) County judges assigned to a satellite courthouse shall provide relief coverage for the other county judges assigned to the satellite.
 - (3) A judge needing relief coverage shall contact initially the county court administrative judge, or, if not available, the chairperson for county civil, county criminal, or county satellite. The county court administrative judge, or, if appropriate, the chairperson for county civil, county criminal, or county satellite shall contact the relief judge to arrange for appropriate coverage.
 - (4) Relief coverage, as determined by the county court administrative judge, or, if appropriate, the chairperson for county civil, county criminal, or county satellite, is for emergency situations. Emergency situations are those matters which require imminent action by the judge and do not include such matters as annual leave, conference attendance, bar functions, or non-emergency personal matters.
 - (5) At any time relief coverage is not provided pursuant to this Administrative Order or if a judge is absent for any other reason, it is that judge’s responsibility for securing the services of another judge to hear those matters which are set during the judge’s absence.
 - (6) County judges providing relief coverage shall not set during his or her scheduled relief period jury trials or any matters which require an attorney or witness to travel to Broward County from a location other than Miami-Dade County or Palm Beach County. The Clerk of Court shall not set any fixed dockets, i.e. arraignments or calendar calls during relief week for the assigned judge. The relief judge shall only set those matters which can be reset without inconvenience to the attorneys and/or litigants.

- (7) Relief judges shall be available during court business hours.
- (8) This Administrative Order vacates and supersedes Administrative Order VI-02-B-3A.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on December 5 , 2007.

/s Victor Tobin
Victor Tobin, Chief Judge