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

Order Number 2014-14-Civ
2014-14-UFC
2014-14-CO

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DIRECTING
CLERK OF COURTS WITH REGARD TO DISMISSED
CIVIL OR FAMILY CASES**

(a) Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states the chief judge shall "considering available resources, ensure the efficient and proper administration of all courts within [this] circuit."

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

(1) If a civil or family case is disposed by voluntary dismissal or court ordered dismissal without prejudice the Clerk of Courts shall determine if a prior case was filed with the same parties and cause of action. If the Clerk of Courts determines there was a prior case with the same parties and cause of action the Clerk shall assign the newly filed case to the division assigned to the first case.

(2) If the Clerk of Courts does not assign the newly filed case as required by this Administrative Order the parties shall notify the division judge assigned to the dismissed action of the newly filed action. The division judge for the dismissed action, or the Administrative Judge of the Division, shall order the newly filed action transferred from division to which the newly filed action was assigned.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on

May 2, 2014.

s/Peter M. Weinstein
Peter M. Weinstein, Chief Judge