

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

Order Number 2014-22-UFC

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AS TO DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE TITLE IV-D 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) The statutory scheme as set forth in Chapter 409, Florida Statutes, envisions that only those matters authorized by statute, paternity and child support but not parenting or timesharing matters may be litigated in Title IV-D cases and all other litigation shall occur in a separate action.

(c) The filing of counter claims and/or third party claims in Title IV-D actions which are not paternity or child support, but include parenting or timesharing matters is not consistent with Chapter 409, Fla. Stat., which results in inefficient case management and disposition of cases.

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

(1) The Respondent in a Title IV-D case shall not file a counter claim or third party claim for parenting or time sharing matters but shall file a separate action for those claims.

(2) The Clerk of Court upon the filing of a Title IV-D action or separate action shall review his records to determine if there is any pending case with the obligor and obligee to ensure the cases are assigned to one judicial division and one general magistrate division.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on
May 6, 2014.

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