

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

Administrative Order No. 2017-45-UFC

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ASSIGNING
JUDGES TO ALTERNATE COVERAGE
FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

(a) Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215 (b) (3) states the chief judge shall “develop an administrative plan” and “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 hereby **ORDERED**:

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

(2) Judges Geoffrey D. Cohen, Michael G. Kaplan, Kathleen McHugh, and Michael Davis shall act as an alternate for each other.

(3) If the assigned judge is unavailable, the matter shall be presented to an alternate judge for resolution. If all alternate judges are unavailable the matter shall then be presented to a family division judge for resolution. If all alternate judges and family division judges are unavailable, the matter shall be presented to the civil duty judge for resolution. If all alternate judges, family judges, and civil duty judge are unavailable the matter shall be presented to the Administrative Judge for the Unified Family Court Division for resolution.

(4) This Administrative Order vacates and supersedes Administrative Order 2013-14-UFC.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 14th day of August, 2017.

/s/ Jack Tuter
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge