

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

Administrative Order No. 2018-43-UFC

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ASSIGNING DEPENDENCY CASES
INVOLVING THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT TO DIVISION JQ/34**

- (a) Pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the chief judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and the power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice.
- (b) 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.”
- (c) Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(4) permits the chief judge to assign cases to judges.
- (d) Dependency cases wherein a child or children subject of the action are members of or eligible for membership in a Native American tribe contain issues involving the Indian Child Welfare Act, and the assignment of such cases to a single judge will ensure these matters are handled in a uniform manner.
- (e) In accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge by Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is hereby **ORDERED**:
- (1) The Clerk of the Court shall assign all dependency cases in which it appears from the petition that the child or children involved are members of or eligible for membership in a Native American tribe to Division JQ/34.
- (2) Cases in which it is not readily apparent from the petition that the child or children involved are members of or eligible for membership in a Native American tribe may be transferred to Division JQ/34 by the Administrative Judge of the Unified Family Court Division or designee upon such notification.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 24th day of May, 2018.

/s/ Jack Tuter
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge