

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

Administrative Order No. 2018-106-Crim/2018-106-CO

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ASSIGNING ALTERNATES FOR
FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES**

- (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 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 that the chief judge shall “considering available resources, ensure the efficient and proper administration of all courts within [this] circuit.”
- (c) In accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is hereby **ORDERED**:
- (d) The judges assigned to Divisions FV/GC/57 and 57/MV shall serve as alternates for each other for all criminal domestic violence matters.
- (e) If the assigned division judge is not in the courthouse and an emergency matter arises, the matter shall be presented to an alternate for resolution. The alternate judge shall review the matter to determine if in fact an emergency exists that would require immediate attention. If the alternate judge determines the matter an emergency, he or she shall proceed to enter any orders or warrants as are necessary. If the alternate judge determines the matter is not an emergency, he or she shall forward the pleading/paper and court file to the assigned judge.
- (f) **Felony Criminal Domestic Violence Cases.** If all alternate judges are unavailable, the matter shall then be presented to the criminal duty judge for resolution. If all alternate judges and criminal duty judge are unavailable, the matter shall be presented to the Administrative Judge for the Circuit Criminal Division for appropriate action. If all alternate judges, criminal duty judge, and the Administrative Judge for the Circuit Criminal Division are unavailable, the matter shall be presented to the Chief Judge for resolution. If none of the foregoing are

available, the attorney, law enforcement officer, or probation officers shall go to the Office of the Trial Court Administrator for assistance in locating a judge.

(g) **Misdemeanor Criminal Domestic Violence Cases.** If all alternate judges are unavailable, the matter shall then be presented to the county relief judge for resolution. If all alternate judges and county relief judge are unavailable, the matter shall be presented to the Chairperson for the County Criminal Division for appropriate action. If all alternates judges, county relief judge, and Chairperson for the County Criminal Division are unavailable, the matter shall be presented to the Administrative Judge of the County Court for resolution. In the event all of the above judicial officers are unavailable, the matter shall be presented to the Chief Judge. If none of the foregoing are available, the attorney, law enforcement officer, or probation officer shall go to the Office of the Trial Court Administrator for assistance in locating a judge.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 6th day of December, 2018.

/s/Jack Tuter
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge