

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

Administrative Order No. 2019-94-PRC

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING
ASSIGNMENT OF CASE TYPES TO A PROBATE DIVISION**

(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)(2) states that the chief judge is the “administrative officer of the courts within the circuit and shall, consistent with branch-wide policies, direct the formation and implementation of policies and priorities for the operation of all courts and officers within the circuit.”

(c) 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.”

(d) In accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge pursuant to Article V, section 2(d), section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

(1) Upon the filing of the initial civil pleading(s) or paper(s), the Clerk of the Courts shall assign the following cases types to a probate division:

- a. Civil proceedings governed by the Adult Protective Services Act
- b. Proceedings governed by the Control of Sexually Transmissible Disease Act
- c. Proceedings governed by the Florida Guardianship Law
- d. Proceedings governed by the Florida Mental Health Act
- e. Proceedings governed by the Florida Probate Code
- f. Proceedings governed by the Florida Trust Code
- g. Proceedings governed by the Hal S. Marchman Alcohol and Other Drug Services Act of 1993
- h. Proceedings governed by the Tuberculosis Control Act

- i. Proceedings governed by section 393.12, Florida Statutes
- j. Proceedings governed by Chapter 736, Florida Statutes
- k. Proceedings governed by section 945.43, Florida Statutes

(2) This Administrative Order supersedes and vacates Administrative Order 2009-86-PRC.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 3rd day of December, 2019.

/s/Jack Tuter
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge