

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

*Administrative Order 2018-30-Civ*

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ASSIGNING MARJORY STONEMAN  
DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL CIVIL CASES**

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(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), the chief judge is authorized to assign cases to a judge or judges.

(d) The cases arising from the February 14, 2018 incident at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School are complex and should be heard by a single judge for judicial economy.

(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) Any and all new civil actions arising from the February 14, 2018 incident at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shall be assigned by the Clerk of the Court to Circuit Civil Division 26.

(2) Any and all open and active civil actions arising from the February 14, 2018 incident at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, excluding *Cable News Network, Inc., et al. v. Broward County Sheriff's Office, et al.*, Case No. 18-004429 CACE (09), shall be transferred by the Clerk of the Court to Circuit Civil Division 26.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of April, 2018.

/s/ Jack Tuter  
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge