

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

*Administrative Order 2020-73-Civ/2020-74-UFC*

**DIRECTING CLERK OF COURTS WITH REGARD  
TO DISMISSED CIRCUIT CIVIL OR FAMILY 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) 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) Upon the filing of a new circuit civil or family case, the Clerk of Courts (Clerk) shall determine if a prior circuit civil or family case was filed with the same parties and cause(s) of action which case was disposed of by voluntary dismissal or court-ordered dismissal without prejudice. If the Clerk determines there was a prior case as set forth herein, the Clerk shall assign the newly filed case to the division assigned to the first case.

(2) If the Clerk does not assign the newly filed case as required by this Administrative Order, the parties shall notify the division judge assigned to the dismissed action of the newly filed action. The division judge for the dismissed action, or the Administrative Judge of the Division, either as a result of such notification or *sua sponte*, shall order the newly filed action transferred from the division to which the newly filed action was assigned.

(3) This Administrative Order supersedes and vacates Administrative Order 2020-4-Civ and 2020-4-UFC.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 28th day of August, 2020.

/s/ Jack Tuter

Jack Tuter, Chief Judge