

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

Administrative Order 2018-64-Civ

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
ASSIGNING JUDICIAL OFFICERS TO 2018 ELECTIONS**

- (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) authorizes the chief judge to assign cases to a judge or judges.
- (d) Legal challenges to local and state elections filed on the date of the elections are complex and require expedited review, and assigning such matters to specific judicial officers promotes judicial economy and preserves judicial resources.
- (e) In accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge pursuant to 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 randomly assign any civil action filed on August 28, 2018 arising from the that day’s primary elections to one of the following Circuit Court Judges:

Mily R. Powell
Jeffrey R. Levenson
Michael A. Robinson

(2) The Clerk of the Court shall randomly assign any civil action filed on November 6, 2018 arising from that day's general elections to one of the following Circuit Court Judges:

Kenneth Gillespie
Carol-Lisa Phillips
Raag Singhal

(3) Any other civil actions arising from the 2018 primary or general elections that are not filed on the date of these elections (August 28, 2018 or November 6, 2018) shall be randomly assigned by the Clerk of the Court.

(4) Upon receipt of a newly-filed civil action arising from the August 2018 primary elections or November 2018 general elections, regardless of the filing date, the Clerk of the Court shall immediately notify the judge assigned and the assigned division judge shall give priority and expedited review to such matter(s), as required by law.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 20th day of July, 2018.

/s/ Jack Tuter
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge