

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

*Administrative Order No. 2022-43-Temp (Amended)*

**SUSPENDING COURT OPERATIONS DUE TO THE THREAT OF  
TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE CONDITIONS (HURRICANE IAN)**

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(a) In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Florida Rule of General Practice Judicial Administration 2.215 and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

(1) The operations of all Seventeenth Judicial Circuit and Broward County Courts shall be suspended beginning Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Court operations will resume Friday, September 30, 2022, if conditions permit.

(2) The suspension of court operations shall include the suspension of all of the following activities:

a. Issuance of any domestic violence restraining orders, repeat violence restraining orders, dating violence stalking restraining orders, or sexual violence restraining orders. In **non-emergency** situations, individuals advising authorities that they are in need of any of these restraining orders shall be assisted in receiving shelter and protection at any hurricane shelter available and advised to seek the applicable restraining order when normal court activities resume.

b. Marchman Act involuntary commitments.

c. Jury Duty scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2022 and Thursday, September 29, 2022, is cancelled.

d. All foreclosure sales currently scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2022 and Thursday, September 29, 2022, are cancelled and shall be shall be rescheduled by the Clerk of the Courts.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the following court operations **will continue** as follows:

- a. First appearance hearings on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 and Thursday, September 29, 2022 will follow a weekend schedule with Judge Phoebe Francois presiding. This docket may be held via Zoom.
  - b. Dependency shelter hearings and juvenile detention hearings will follow a normal schedule on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 and Thursday, September 29, 2022. These dockets may be held remotely using Zoom, subject to the discretion of the Administrative Judge of the Unified Family Division and Chairperson of the Juvenile Delinquency division.
  - c. Law enforcement shall continue Baker Act involuntary detoxification procedures.
- (4) Notwithstanding the above, for any court emergency arising after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 and through Thursday, September 29, 2022, please contact the Broward Sheriff's Office at (954) 831-7330, who will contact the assigned Duty Judge.
- (5) For any **emergency** petition seeking a domestic violence restraining order, repeat violence restraining order, dating violence restraining order, stalking restraining order, or sexual violence restraining order, please contact the Broward County Clerk of the Courts at 954-761-1133.
- (6) For more information concerning the resumption of court operations in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, call the Circuit's emergency hotline at (954) 831-7777 or visit the Court's website at [www.17th.flcourts.org](http://www.17th.flcourts.org).
- (7) Upon resumption of the court's normal operations, the Trial Court Administrator or designee shall request a tolling order from the Florida Supreme Court.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 27th day of September, 2022.

/s/ Jack Tuter  
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge