

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

*Administrative Order No. 2023-19-UFC*

**ASSIGNING JUDGES TO ALTERNATE COVERAGE  
FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

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(a) Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215 (b) (3) states the chief judge shall “develop an administrative plan” and “shall, considering available resources, ensure the efficient and proper administration of all courts within [this] circuit.”

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

(1) This Administrative Order shall govern the assignment of judges to preside as alternates for each other for all domestic violence matters.

(2) Judges Catalina Avalos, George Odom, Jr., Michael G. Kaplan, and Stefanie C. Moon shall act as alternates for each other.

(3) If the assigned judge is unavailable, the matter shall be presented to an alternate judge for resolution. If all alternate judges are unavailable the matter shall then be presented to a family division judge for resolution. If all alternate judges and family division judges are unavailable, the matter shall be presented to the civil duty judge for resolution. If all alternate judges, family judges, and civil duty judges are unavailable the matter shall be presented to the Administrative Judge for the Unified Family Court Division for resolution.

(4) This Administrative Order vacates and supersedes Administrative Order 2022-33-UFC.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 1st day of May, 2023.

/s/ Jack Tuter  
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge