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

Administrative Order No. 2023-22-CO

ESTABLISHING THE COURTHOUSE LOCATION FOR FILING OF COUNTY COURT CIVIL ACTIONS BY BARFIELD MCCAIN & AYOUB P.A.

(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 "develop an administrative plan" and "shall, considering available resources, ensure the efficient and proper administration of all courts within [this] circuit."

(c) The Broward County Board of County Commissioners has established four (4) courthouses in Broward County, the Central Judicial Complex located at 201 S.E. 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301, and three (3) satellite courthouses.

(d) County Court civil actions are assigned to all four (4) Broward County courthouse locations, and a fair and equitable distribution of the caseload is required to ensure the efficient use of judicial resources and swift administration of all cases.

(e) For purposes of achieving an equitable assignment of County Court civil cases amongst the County Court Judges, the filing and assignment of such actions is generally governed by Administrative Order 2021-35-CO, which directs the filing and assignment of such actions to a designated courthouse location based on the filer's zip code.

(f) The volume of County Court civil cases filed by the law firm of Barfield McCain & Ayoub P.A. has created an inequitable distribution of cases assigned to the County Judges presiding at the North Satellite courthouse.

(g) 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**, **effective June 15, 2023:**

(1) Notwithstanding any Seventeenth Judicial Circuit administrative order to the contrary, all County Court civil cases filed by an attorney of the law firm of Barfield McCain & Ayoub P.A., or any other law firm in which any of its attorneys is a principal, shall be randomly assigned to a County Court Judge presiding over a civil division at the Central Courthouse Complex (201 S.E 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301).

(2) If a County Court civil division case is not filed in accordance with this Administrative Order, the presiding judge on his or her own motion or upon the duly filed motion of either party, or the Administrative Judge of the County Court, may enter an order transferring the action to the Central Courthouse Complex for random assignment.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 2nd day of June, 2023.

/s/ Jack Tuter
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge