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

Administrative Order No. 2026-04-CO

COUNTY CIVIL JURY TRIALS ORIGINATING IN THE SATELLITE COURTHOUSES

(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 General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states that the chief judge "ensures the efficient and proper administration of all courts within [this] circuit, considering available resources."

(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 General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, it is hereby **ORDERED:**

(1) County Court Civil Division Judges presiding in the satellite courthouses shall retain their cases for jury trial.

(2) All County Court Civil jury trials shall take place in the Central Courthouse, unless otherwise approved by the County Court Administrative Judge.

(3) If a jury trial is scheduled to take place outside the assigned trial period, the presiding judge shall immediately advise the County Court Administrative Judge or the County Court Civil Chairperson.

This Administrative Order supersedes and vacates Administrative Order 2021-23-CO (Amended).

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 19th day of February, 2026.

/s/ Carol-Lisa Phillips
Carol-Lisa Phillips, Chief Judge