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

Administrative Order No. 2025-51-CO (Amendment 1)

COLLAPSING DIVISION 50 AND REDISTRIBUTION OF CASELOAD

(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 the interest of judicial economy, Division 50 is being closed and its cases redistributed among the remaining county court civil divisions.

(d) 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, effective January 1, 2026.**

(1) The Clerk of Court shall randomly reassign all pending and re-opened cases assigned to Division 50, in equal a distribution as possible, to the remaining county civil central Divisions 48, 49, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, and 100. All pending and re-opened cases assigned to Division 50 are hereby reassigned and/or transferred to Divisions 48, 49, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, and 100.

(2) Upon the filing of a pleading or paper in a closed case assigned to Division 50 at the time of its dissolution, the Clerk of Court shall randomly reassign the case to Division 48, 49, 51, 54, 55, 56, or 100.

(3) Division 50 is hereby closed.

This Administrative Order vacates and supersedes 2025-51-CO.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida on this 4th day of February, 2026.

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