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

Administrative Order 2023-28-Gen

CLOSURE
OF COURTHOUSE FACILITIES AND/OR SUSPENSION OF COURT OPERATIONS

(a) Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states the chief judge shall "develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all courts within that circuit."
(b) Circumstances may arise when the closure of the central courthouse and/or satellite courthouses and/or suspension of court operations is required because of unforeseen events. It is necessary a policy be established to reflect the chief judge has the authority to close and reopen the central courthouse and/or satellite courthouses, and/or suspend court operations, as is appropriate.
(c) In accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge by Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, it is ordered:

(1) The Chief Judge may suspend the operations of the Broward County Courts and/or Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Courts at any time circumstances require the suspension of operations. The Chief Judge may suspend operations at one, some, or all of the courthouse facilities as required by the circumstances.
(2) Upon the Chief Judge suspending the operations of the Broward County Courts and/or Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Courts, all non-essential personnel shall be released from his or her employment duties and directed to vacate the central courthouse and/or satellite courthouses.
(3) Upon the Chief Judge directing the resumption of operations of the Broward County Courts and/or Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Courts, all personnel shall report to work.
(4) This Administrative Order vacates and supersedes Administrative Order 2010-40-Gen.
DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida this 15h day of August, 2023.

/s/ Jack Tuter
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge