

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

Administrative Order No. 2026-29-Crim

COLLAPSING DIVISION FK 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 FK is being closed and its cases redistributed among the remaining circuit criminal felony 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 August 17, 2026.**
- (1) The Clerk of Court shall randomly reassign all pending cases assigned to Division FK, in equal distribution as possible, to Divisions FA, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, FG, FH, FI, FJ, FO, and FY.
- (2) Any future violation of probation (VOP) case previously assigned to Division FK shall be randomly assigned to Division FA, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, FG, FH, FI, FJ, FO, or FY.
- (3) Any future motion for post-conviction relief filed in a case previously assigned to Division FK shall be randomly assigned to Division FA, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, FG, FH, FI, FJ, FO, or FY.
- (4) The Clerk of Court shall randomly assign all new felony cases equally to Divisions FA, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, FG, FH, FI, FJ, FO, and FY.

- (5) The Clerk of Court shall ensure that all active cases of an individual defendant, including active violation of probation (VOP) cases, assigned to Division FK are reassigned to the same new circuit criminal felony division.
- (6) The Clerk of Court shall not assign any new cases, including violation of probation (VOP) cases to Division FK.
- (7) The Clerk of Court shall set a “set new dates” hearing and mail written notices to all parties in all cases transferred from Division FK and reassigned to Divisions FA, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, FG, FH, FI, FJ, FO, and FY.
- (8) Division FK is hereby closed.

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

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