

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10.201-9/08\*

IN RE: TRAFFIC INFRACTION HEARINGS  
INVOLVING FATALITIES

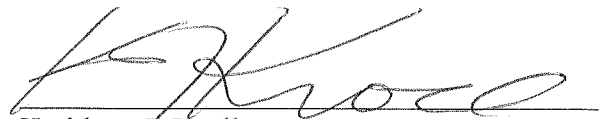
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The proper administration of justice suggests that the sensitive nature of fatality-involved traffic infractions merits specially set hearings.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Traffic infraction hearings involving fatalities which are, in accordance with current practice, scheduled in the Main Courthouse shall be segregated from other traffic infractions and then assigned to the Civil Division Judges of the County Court who sit in the Main Courthouse on a rotation basis after the entry of any plea. (Fatality-involved traffic infraction hearings which are scheduled in satellite courthouse facilities shall be segregated from other traffic infractions and then forwarded to the appropriately assigned satellite courthouse judge as outlined below).
2. Upon assignment of such fatality-involved traffic infraction, the Clerk shall then forward to such assigned judge, forthwith, the court file which shall include the citation, witness lists, and a request for designation of hearing.
3. The assigned judge shall, upon receipt of the court file and its contents, promptly designate a courtroom, a hearing date and time, and immediately return the file with the designations to the Clerk. The Clerk shall, within 5 business days thereafter, issue all subpoenas and notices of hearing to all proper parties, counsel, and witnesses. The hearing date designated by the assigned judge shall afford at least 45 days in advance of the designated hearing to accommodate preparation of such notices and subpoenas and for service of same. However, the 45-day minimum is subject to speedy trial considerations pursuant to Rule 6.325, Fla. R. Traffic Court.
4. The Clerk of Court shall assign a courtroom clerk to be present on the date and time scheduled for such fatality-involved traffic infraction.

29 **DONE** and **SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this day of September, 2008.

  
Kathleen J. Kroll  
Chief Judge