

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 11.301-1/13*

IN RE: BRANCH COURTHOUSES

The orderly administration of justice will benefit by providing some judicial services at branch court facilities outside the county seat.

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

The following geographic locations and facilities are officially designated as branch courthouses:

A. DESIGNATION OF BRANCH COURTHOUSES

1. West County Courthouse: **2950 SR #15**, Belle Glade, Florida 33430
2. South County Courthouse: 200 W. Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444
3. North County Courthouse: 3188 PGA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
4. Criminal Justice Gun Club Road: 3228 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

B. BRANCH COURTHOUSE PROCEDURES

1. Parties bringing matters on for hearing may, at their option, notice them at one of the branch courthouses, provided the offices of all opposing counsel are located within such described branch courthouse area. By agreement of counsel and the presiding judge, any matter covered by this order may be heard at a branch courthouse.
2. Notice requirements are the same in all cases, and appointments shall be made with the judicial assistant of the assigned judge for all matters, including ex parte, to insure that files needed are present at the hearing.
3. In all matters except traffic, cases must have been filed and a number assigned, before such matters can be heard at a branch courthouse.

C. BRANCH COURTHOUSE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES

1. To determine the assignment of County Court Civil cases see Administrative Order 3.102-11/10 (as amended).
2. To determine the assignment of Domestic Relations cases, see Administrative Order 5.101-9/08 (as amended).
3. To determine the assignment of Delinquency and Dependency cases, see Administrative Order 5.102-10/11 (as amended).
4. To determine the assignment of Probate/Guardianship cases, see Administrative Order 6.101-1/12 (as amended).
5. To determine the assignment of Domestic Violence Repeat Violence cases, see Administrative Order 5.501-5/09 (as amended).
6. To determine the assignment of Civil Traffic Infraction Traffic cases, see Administrative Order 10.401-9/12 (as amended).

D. JURY TRIALS

1. Administrative Order 3.101-9/08 (as amended) governs the procedures for circuit and county civil jury trials pending at the Main/Central Judicial Complex to be heard at a branch courthouse.
2. Administrative Order 3.605-9/08 (as amended) governs the procedures for transferring county civil cases pending at a branch courthouse when a jury trial has been requested.

DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this
8 day of January, 2013.



Peter D. Blanc
Chief Judge

*supersedes admin. order no. 11.301-9/08