

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3.104-06/09*

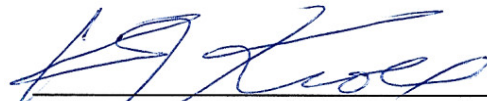
IN RE: TRANSFER OF CIVIL CASES FROM
COUNTY COURT TO CIRCUIT COURT

Amended claims, counter claims, cross claims and third party claims filed in county court matters may necessitate the transfer of the original county court claim to circuit court.

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

1. When an amended claim, counter claim, cross claim or third party claim filed in a county court case is within the jurisdiction of the circuit court, the **county court judge may determine that, for judicial economy, the matter remain before the county court judge.**
2. **If the matter remains before the county court judge**, the judge shall have all the jurisdiction and powers of a circuit judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida to resolve the case.
3. A uniform order of transfer, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**, shall be used by the affected county court judge.

DONE and **SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 29 day of June, 2009.


Kathleen J. Kroll
Chief Judge

* supersedes admin. order no. 3.104-9/08

“EXHIBIT A”

IN THE COUNTY COURT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.

v.

_____:

ORDER ON MOTION TO TRANSFER CAUSE TO CIRCUIT COURT

THIS CAUSE was considered upon Motion to Transfer Cause to Circuit Court, and it appearing that an amended claim, counterclaim, crossclaim or third party claim was filed, which claim exceeds the jurisdiction of the county court, and it further appearing that there exists an administrative order controlling this situation authorizing the assigned county judge circuit court jurisdiction, it is,

ORDERED and **ADJUDGED** as follows:

1. This cause is hereby transferred to circuit court upon payment of the required fee. A circuit court case number will thereupon be assigned.
2. If the moving party has not paid the transfer fee within thirty days of the filing of this order, then this order shall be vacated automatically and the moving party's pleadings shall be deemed to seek relief not exceeding jurisdiction of county court.
3. (check one)

_____ The **undersigned** County Court Judge, or **this division's successor judge**, shall serve as the presiding circuit judge until the case is resolved. The Clerk shall designate the **circuit** case number in the following format: Case No. 01-1234 A(), PENDING IN COUNTY COURT DIVISION R(), and all counsel shall so designate all pleadings hereafter. **If, thereafter, the case needs to be randomly reassigned, the reassignment shall be to the circuit civil division assigned when the circuit case number was obtained.**

_____ The undersigned County Court Judge declines to hear the matter as an Acting Circuit Judge and the Clerk is directed to randomly assign the matter to a Circuit Judge.

DONE and **SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 20__.

County Court/Acting Circuit Judge

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