

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3.313-11/13

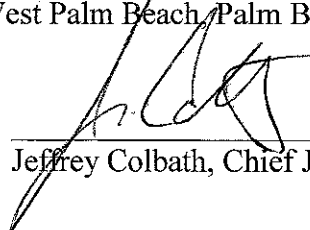
IN RE: FORECLOSURE DIVISION CASE
STATUS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order 13-51, each chief judge is required to issue an administrative order to provide direction to the clerk regarding a change in the status of a foreclosure case.

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

1. The Clerk of Court shall create a code for inactive pending and reopened foreclosure cases. As defined by the Foreclosure Initiative Data Collection Plan, "A case is considered in an inactive status when court activity on that case is suspended pending resolution of an issue external to the court or that does not directly involve the court in resolving that issue; for example, awaiting the results of an appeal or the disposition of a related case. A case placed in an inactive status is not closed and does not need to be reopened when the case returns to active status, regardless of the length of time involved." Accordingly, "A case is considered to be in a reopened inactive status if the activity on all outstanding post-judgment actions is held in abeyance pending resolution of some issue external to the court or that does not directly involve the court in resolving that issue. In this circumstance, the court is not actively working to resolve the matter(s)."
2. The Clerk of Court shall utilize the inactive code when the following instances occur: a stay of bankruptcy is filed, a case is on hold pending appeal, or when directed by the presiding judge.
3. Court Administration shall create a report of inactive cases, and review the report on a monthly basis to identify cases that should be returned to an active status.
4. The Clerk of Court shall return a case to an active status when directed by the presiding judge or the chief judge.

DONE and ORDERED, in Chambers, at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida
this 22 day of November, 2013.



Jeffrey Colbath, Chief Judge