

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3.605-4/25*

IN RE: COUNTY COURT CIVIL JURY TRIALS –
BRANCH COURTHOUSE REQUESTS

County Court civil cases are assigned to court divisions in the various branch courthouses. The courthouse located in West Palm Beach is the central courthouse for the county and is the courthouse in which jury trials are held. When a party in a county court civil action assigned to the branch courthouse requests a trial by jury, the **jury trial will be conducted** at the central courthouse.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of **General Practice and** Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** that:

County Court Civil Division Judges presiding in the branch courthouses may retain their cases for jury trial. In such cases, the presiding Judge shall advise the County Civil Administrative Judge of the need for a courtroom for jury trial. If the presiding Judge elects not to retain a case for jury trial, upon written order, the case may be assigned to the main branch courthouse for jury trial, upon determination that the action is ready for trial. A case is ready for trial only when all pretrial requirements have been met and all pretrial motions have been heard, as specified in the written Order Directing Clerk to Randomly Assign Trial to Main Branch Division. The Office of Clerk and Comptroller shall randomly assign such trial(s) among the civil divisions of the county court; **however, the case shall remain assigned to the original division.**

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, on this 29th day of April, 2025.



Glenn D. Kelley, Chief Judge

*supersedes admin. order 3.605-5/17