

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4.502-6/17*

IN RE: CIRCUIT CRIMINAL CASE ASSIGNMENT

The Fifteenth Circuit's pending felony caseload will be allocated to streamline the processing of cases in a fair, timely and cost effective manner. Procedures must be established to insure the proper completion of cases tried by Judges assigned to the felony criminal division.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, **effective July 1, 2017**, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. **NEWLY FILED CASES:**

- a. The Clerk of the Court shall randomly assign felony cases arising east of the twenty mile bend (those cases that fall outside the area handled by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District V Substation) to divisions R, S, U, V, W, X and Z.
- b. With the exception of capital cases which are covered by Administrative Order 4.101, the Clerk of the Court shall assign felony cases arising west of the twenty mile bend (those cases that fall within the area handled by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District V Substation) to Division Y. All cases assigned to Division Y will remain at the West County Courthouse until one party requests, in writing, a trial by jury. If the Division Y Judge transfers the case to the main courthouse, the clerk of court shall randomly assign the case to a Circuit Criminal Division located at the Main Courthouse.

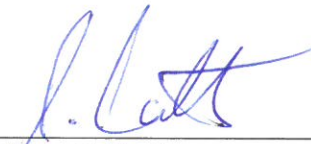
2. **MASTER CALENDAR**

- a. Divisions R, S, U, V, W, X and Z
 - 1) Out-of-custody arraignments shall be conducted on Thursdays.
 - 2) In-custody arraignments will be handled at the Gun Club complex pursuant to Administrative Order 4.101.

- 3) Calendar calls may be conducted as determined by the presiding Judge. Any case that is not resolved may be sent to a Trial Division Judge regardless of the length of the trial.
- b. Division Y
- 1) In custody and out of custody arraignments shall be conducted on Monday mornings at the West County Courthouse.
 - 2) All post-arraignment demands for jury trial made by the State or the Defense shall be in writing.
- c. Division T

Division T cases will be set in accordance with Administrative Order 4.906.

DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers, at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida
this 20 day of June, 2017.



Jeffery Colbath
Chief Judge

*supersedes admin. order 4.502-7/16