

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 6.308-8/15

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE OF  
BAKER ACT CASES

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A circuit court may take action in cases filed pursuant to Florida Statute §394.451 ("The Baker Act") up to two years from the date of filing. Petitioners may seek a six (6) month extension following the filing of the action. There are currently over 325 Baker Act Cases which have been pending longer than two years from the date of the case filing and which have had no activity for at least seven (7) months. The Court is responsible for managing its caseload pursuant to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.545. The administration of justice would be furthered by administratively closing cases that are pending beyond the statutorily required time period as the personnel time involved in manually reviewing the files is costly.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Pending Baker Act cases that were filed prior to June 30, 2013 and which have had no activity for at least seven (7) months are hereby administratively closed. A list of those cases are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".


2. Due to practical and resource limitations, the Clerk & Comptroller is hereby directed to effectuate the closing process by entering a docket code in the case management system to

administratively close the case and by entering text stating the case is closed pursuant to Administrative Order 6.308. The Clerk & Comptroller is not required to manually file a hard copy of this order should a physical case file exist.

3. If a party files a written notice asserting that a case was administratively closed in error, the clerk shall reopen the file without charge to the party.

4. Court Technology is hereby directed to post Exhibit "A" on the circuit's website for a period of at least 90 days.

**DONE AND SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida  
this 24 day of August, 2015.

  
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Jeffrey J. Colbath, Chief Judge

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**LOCATION: MAIN COURTHOUSE, DIVISION IB**

<u>2013-MH-000964</u>	<u>2011-MH-001113</u>	<u>2010-MH-001916</u>
<u>2013-MH-000690</u>	<u>2011-MH-000928</u>	<u>2010-MH-001950</u>
<u>2013-MH-000659</u>	<u>2011-MH-000623</u>	<u>2010-MH-001923</u>
<u>2013-MH-000077</u>	<u>2011-MH-000648</u>	<u>2010-MH-001868</u>
<u>2013-MH-000170</u>	<u>2011-MH-000471</u>	<u>2010-MH-001891</u>
<u>2013-MH-000041</u>	<u>2011-MH-000470</u>	<u>2010-MH-001886</u>
<u>2013-MH-000007</u>	<u>2011-MH-000463</u>	<u>2010-MH-001889</u>
<u>2012-MH-001442</u>	<u>2011-MH-000397</u>	<u>2010-MH-001813</u>
<u>2012-MH-000267</u>	<u>2011-MH-000368</u>	<u>2010-MH-001867</u>
<u>2012-MH-001633</u>	<u>2011-MH-000057</u>	<u>2010-MH-001864</u>
<u>2012-MH-001443</u>	<u>2011-MH-000172</u>	<u>2010-MH-001849</u>
<u>2012-MH-001127</u>	<u>2011-MH-000194</u>	<u>2010-MH-001832</u>
<u>2012-MH-001406</u>	<u>2011-MH-000197</u>	<u>2010-MH-001778</u>
<u>2012-MH-001346</u>	<u>2011-MH-000202</u>	<u>2010-MH-001815</u>
<u>2012-MH-000132</u>	<u>2011-MH-000150</u>	<u>2010-MH-001801</u>
<u>2012-MH-001290</u>	<u>2011-MH-000148</u>	<u>2010-MH-001817</u>
<u>2012-MH-001297</u>	<u>2011-MH-000121</u>	<u>2010-MH-001566</u>
<u>2012-MH-001291</u>	<u>2011-MH-000087</u>	<u>2010-MH-001753</u>
<u>2012-MH-001343</u>	<u>2011-MH-000072</u>	<u>2010-MH-001760</u>
<u>2012-MH-001288</u>	<u>2011-MH-000071</u>	<u>2010-MH-001787</u>
<u>2012-MH-001298</u>	<u>2011-MH-000056</u>	<u>2010-MH-001730</u>
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<u>2012-MH-001295</u>	<u>2011-MH-000054</u>	<u>2010-MH-001647</u>
<u>2012-MH-001296</u>	<u>2011-MH-000035</u>	<u>2010-MH-001732</u>
<u>2012-MH-000892</u>	<u>2011-MH-000001</u>	<u>2010-MH-001723</u>
<u>2012-MH-001003</u>	<u>2010-MH-002186</u>	<u>2010-MH-001718</u>
<u>2012-MH-000565</u>	<u>2010-MH-002194</u>	<u>2010-MH-001717</u>
<u>2012-MH-000652</u>	<u>2011-MH-000017</u>	<u>2010-MH-001731</u>
<u>2012-MH-000648</u>	<u>2010-MH-002161</u>	<u>2010-MH-001662</u>
<u>2011-MH-002213</u>	<u>2010-MH-002152</u>	<u>2010-MH-001619</u>
<u>2012-MH-000303</u>	<u>2010-MH-000220</u>	<u>2010-MH-001682</u>
<u>2011-MH-000687</u>	<u>2010-MH-002103</u>	<u>2010-MH-001667</u>
<u>2011-MH-002036</u>	<u>2010-MH-001962</u>	<u>2010-MH-001528</u>
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**LOCATION: SOUTH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIVISION IX**

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