ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2014-21

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ORDER GOVERNING CASE ASSIGNMENT METHOD, OSCEOLA COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the chief judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and the power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the chief judge's constitutional and statutory responsibility for administrative supervision of the courts within the circuit and to create and maintain an organization capable of effecting the efficient, prompt, and proper administration of justice for the citizens of this State, the chief judge is required to exercise direction, *see* Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.215(b)(2), (b)(3); and

WHEREAS, the clerks of court provide court-related functions which are essential to the orderly operation of the judicial branch, including, but by no means limited to effective case maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Belvin Perry, Jr., pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, **effective immediately** and to continue until further order:

1. The Clerk of the Trial Court for Osceola County shall immediately cease assigning cases by Judge name.

2.   The Clerk shall immediately assign all cases in all divisions by division number only so as to prevent confusion and inefficiencies when a judge is assigned to another division.

3.   The Clerk shall immediately go through all open cases in Osceola County and shall update the assignment from Judge name to assignment by division number. Further, The Clerk shall report to the Court by December 1, 2014, if the above stated goal has been be achieved and if not, when it can be achieved.

4.   Each time a closed case is re-opened, the Clerk shall also update the assignment from Judge name to assignment by division number.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 15th day of August, 2014.

_____/s/_____
Belvin Perry, Jr.
Chief Judge

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