

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 25-2
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 25-01
(Companion to AO NO. 23-09)**

**IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE
DENISE MARTINEZ-SCANZIANI AS
ALTERNATE JUDICIAL DESIGNEE
FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO THE
EARLY CHILDHOOD COURT OF THE
UNIFIED CHILDREN'S COURT
DIVISION**

WHEREAS, Rule 2.215 of the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration grants the Chief Judge the authority to adopt administrative orders necessary to ensure the efficient operation of the court system; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined, that in the interest of judicial economy, the Chief Judge finds it necessary to establish procedures for the expeditious and efficient resolution of cases involving children up to three (3) years of age in our dependency system ("Early Childhood Court Cases"); and

WHEREAS, specialized training of the judiciary is required in order to efficiently and appropriately manage Early Childhood Court Cases; and

WHEREAS, the **HONORABLE DENISE MARTINEZ-SCANZIANI** has received such requisite training.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Rule 2.215 of the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. **Case Transfer.** All cases initially filed in a dependency judicial section of the Unified Children's Court Division which are eligible and accepted for transfer to the problem-solving Early Childhood Court shall be assigned by the Clerk of Court to the **HONORABLE MARCIA B. CABALLERO** (Judicial Sections FCJ011, D011, and J011), located at the Miami-Dade Children's Courthouse, in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida.

2. **Alternate Judge.** The **HONORABLE DENISE MARTINEZ-SCANZIANI** shall be the designated Alternate Judge when the Honorable Marcia B. Caballero is unavailable. To further meet the needs of the Division, the Honorable Denise Martinez-Scanziani, is authorized to hear related Domestic Relations, Injunctions for Protection, Juvenile Dependency, and Juvenile Delinquency case types in the Unified Children’s Court Division.

3. **Requisite Training.** Any judge assigned to the Early Childhood Court, either as a primary judge or as a back-up judge, will have six (6) months from the date of assignment to complete training on legal and constitutional issues in Early Childhood Courts, trauma-responsive courts, evidence-based treatment to include parenting practices, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and the impact of trauma on the child and the parents, and other advances in the Early Childhood Court field available at that time.

4. **Unavailability.** In the event the Honorable Marcia B. Caballero or the Honorable Denise Martinez-Scanziani are unavailable, the Administrative Judge of the Unified Children’s Court Division shall determine who shall handle the Early Childhood Court Case(s).

5. **Related Cases.** If related cases are identified in the Unified Children’s Court Division or other divisions of the Circuit at the time of or after the transfer and assignment of Early Childhood Court Cases to the Honorable Marcia B. Caballero, the transfer and disposition of such cases shall be governed by the procedures established for handling related cases in the Circuit, as applicable.

This Administrative Order shall be effective immediately upon signing and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, on this 8th day of January 2025.

**NUSHIN G. SAYFIE, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**