

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

**CASE NO. 04-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 04-05**

**(Rescinding Administrative Order
No. 97-19, Administrative Order No.
97-19 A1 and Administrative Order
No. 2-07)**

**IN RE: RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND
JURISDICTION OF COUNTY COURT
DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 97-19, as amended by Administrative Order No. 97-19-A1 (collectively the "Administrative Order"), the Court deemed it necessary, for the prompt and efficient filing and assignment of cases in the various, previously established County Court Districts ("Districts"), to relocate some of the court facilities in the Districts and define the jurisdiction of such Districts in a more precise and objective manner; and

WHEREAS, in view of the changes which have occurred within the Districts since the enactment of the Administrative Order, the Court has determined that it is once again necessary to re-establish and define the jurisdiction of the respective Districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. **Location of County Court Districts.**

The location of the County Court Districts shall be the following:

- **Central District (05)**, located at the Dade County Courthouse, 73 West Flagler Street, Miami (civil actions), and the Richard E. Gerstein Justice Building, 1351 Northwest 12th Street, Miami (criminal, traffic offenses and infractions);

- **North Central (Caleb) District (20)**, located at the Joseph Caleb Community Center, 5400 Northwest 22nd Avenue, Miami provides limited services by the Clerk

of the Court. All pending matters, designated for section (20), filed prior to January 1, 2004, will be re-assigned amongst the six (6) judicial sections at the Dade County Courthouse. Pending cases filed after January 1, 2004, will be designated (21) for handling at the Northwest District;

- **Northwest District (21)**, located at 11 East 6th Street, Hialeah;
- **North District (23)**, located at 15555 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami;
- **East District (24)**, located at 1130 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach;
- **South Central District (25)**, located at 3100 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables; and
- **South District (26)**, located at the South Dade Government Center, 10710 Southwest 211th Street, Miami.

2. **Boundaries of County Court Districts.**

Each of the following County Court Districts shall consist of the geographic areas located within the zip codes as indicated below:

Central District (05)

33109 33122 33125 33126 33127 33128
33129 33130 33131 33132 33133 33135
33136 33137 33142 33145 33147 33149
33150 33166 33172 33174 33182 33184
33192 33194

North Central District (20)

(Limited services; use zip code to determine the District in which to file cases.)

Northwest District (21)

33010 33012 33013 33014 33016 33018
33178

North District (23)

33015 33054 33055 33056 33138 33160
33161 33162 33167 33168 33169 33179
33180 33181

East District (24)

33139 33140 33141 33154

South Central District (25)

33134 33143 33144 33146 33155 33165
33173

South District (26)

33030 33031 33032 33033 33034 33035
33039 33156 33157 33158 33170 33175
33176 33177 33183 33185 33186 33187
33189 33190 33193 33196

3. **Filing in County Court Districts**

(a) **Mandatory Filing:**

All actions for recovery of possession of property under Chapters 82 and 83 of the Florida Statutes; all actions for damages under Chapter 82 of the Florida Statutes and actions for the recovery of rent or rent security deposits in which the demand involved does not exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), exclusive of costs, interest and attorney's fees, shall be filed in the District in which the real property is located.

(b) **Optional Filing:**

Except as provided under subparagraph 3(a) above, the venue for filing all other actions at law of a civil nature in which the demand or value of property involved does not exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), exclusive of costs, interest and attorney's fees, shall be controlled and determined, at the option of the plaintiff, by Sections 47.011, 47.021, 47.041, 47.051 and 47.061 of the Florida Statutes

4. **Traffic and Penal Cases.**

Traffic and penal cases may be assigned for trial at any County Court facility, or any other facility, for the convenience of parties, witnesses and police officers.

5. **Landlord/Tenant Cases.**

Landlord/tenant cases should be filed in the District with the zip code that corresponds with the zip code for the property.

6. **Jury Trials.**

Jury trials in civil, criminal and traffic offenses may be assigned to and heard at any County Court facility.

7. **North Central (Caleb) Branch Court Annex.**

The window in the public service counter at the Dade County Courthouse to accept only those cases that would ordinarily be filed at the North Central Branch Court, as designated by Administrative Order No. 2-07, is hereby closed.

Administrative Order No. 97-19, as amended by Administrative Order No. 97-19-A1, entered in Case No. 97-1 (Court Administration) and Administrative Order No. 2-07, entered in Case No. 02-1 (Court Administration), are hereby rescinded in their entirety and held for naught.

This Order shall become effective on July 6, 2004 and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this _____ day of June, 2004.

**JOSEPH P. FARINA, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**