

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

**CASE NO. 22-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 22-01**

**IN RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF COVID
BACKLOG TRIAL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Court closures and reduced operations resulting from Coronavirus SARS-CoV2 (“Covid”) have resulted in an accumulated backlog of trial cases in the Circuit and County Civil Divisions.

WHEREAS, a Covid Backlog Trial Project (“CBTP”), consisting of a team of judges from the Circuit Civil Division, has been established to assist in reducing the backlog in trials related to COVID.

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 21-69, as renewed from time to time, authorizes Circuit Civil judges to “determine those cases or matters assigned to them by the Administrative or Associate Administrative Judges of the various divisions of the County Court.”

WHEREAS, uniform procedures for the referral of trial cases to the CBTP team for handling are necessary for the efficient administration of justice.

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 **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Approval. The CBTP is approved and implemented effective as of the date of this Administrative Order through February 28, 2023.
2. CBTP Procedures. CBTP membership and procedures shall be established and modified, as necessary, by Administrative Memorandum issued by the Administrative Judge of the Civil Circuit Division or designee. All operative CBTP procedures shall be posted on the Circuit and County Civil Divisions’ web pages for access by Court customers and the public.

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

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 4th day of February 2022.

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