

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER A-2018-20

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ENDING BACKLOG FORECLOSURE PROGRAM AND
REASSIGNMENT OF CASES**

WHEREAS, in 2015, a local Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative was established in an effort to reduce the backlog of pending foreclosure cases in our circuit; and

WHEREAS, the backlog of foreclosure cases has been significantly reduced through this program; and

WHEREAS, the number of new foreclosure cases has decreased over the last several years; and

WHEREAS, it is no longer necessary to have a separate division for older foreclosure cases in order to allow for the efficient administration of justice, it is therefore,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

- 1) Effective July 1, 2018, the Clerks of Court in each county of the Fifth Judicial Circuit shall no longer assign new or reopened foreclosure cases to the "Backlog Foreclosure Program" or any Senior Judges assigned specifically to a Backlog Foreclosure Docket.
- 2) On or before July 1, 2018, all foreclosure cases in Hernando, Lake and Marion Counties which are assigned to the "Backlog Foreclosure Program," or assigned specifically to a Senior Judge who presided over the Backlog Foreclosure Program, shall be randomly assigned by the Clerks of Court to the Judge(s) who currently preside over the civil/foreclosure division.
- 3) In reassigning cases as set forth in paragraph two (2) above, the Clerk of Court should make an equal distribution of cases in accordance with the case assignments set forth in each counties current Administrative Order on Judicial Assignments.
- 4) This order amends and supersedes Administrative Orders A-2017-19-A; A-2017-20; A-2017-21; and A-2017-22.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at Ocala, Marion County, Florida, this 25 day of June 2018.



S. Sue Robbins
Administrative Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit