

**IN THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. A-18-89-085**

**IN RE: CREATION OF DIVISION Z, ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER OF ASBESTOS  
LITIGATION**

**WHEREAS** a large number of cases are filed in this circuit alleging personal injury and wrongful death arising out of certain exposure to asbestos; and

**WHEREAS** the Florida Supreme Court has specially assigned a judge to preside over this litigation; and

**WHEREAS** segregation of these cases is essential to the operation of the courts and record keeping of the clerk of court; and

**WHEREAS** it is necessary for the proper administration of justice within this circuit; it is therefore

**ORDERED:**

1. An independent Division Z is hereby created to hear cases concerning allegations of personal injury or wrongful death arising out of exposure to asbestos ("Asbestos Litigation"). Such division shall not be a part of the court's existing county or circuit civil divisions.

2. The clerk of court shall assign all future filings concerning Asbestos Litigation to Division Z. Counsel shall clearly mark all appropriate complaints and other pleadings with the Division Z designation prior to filing.

3. The clerk of court shall transfer all existing Asbestos Litigation to Division Z.

4. The clerk of court shall, on a monthly basis, forward to the chief judge and court

administrator a summary of Asbestos Litigation case numbers filed during the prior four week period.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida,

this 3rd day of May, 1989.

/S/ F. Dennis Alvarez  
F. Dennis Alvarez, Chief Judge

cc: All Circuit and County Judges  
Kathy T. Baker, Court Administrator  
Richard Ake, Clerk of the Court  
Hillsborough County Bar Association  
County Attorney  
Jerry Alfonso, Chief Deputy Clerk