

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER S-2018-054**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF JUVENILE MENTAL  
HEALTH DELINQUENCY DIVISION "B"**

Administrative Order S-2016-044 established a specialized subdivision of the Circuit Criminal Division to handle cases of eligible defendants for voluntary admission into a mental health pretrial intervention program. Administrative Order S-2017-004 established a similar specialized subdivision of the Probate, Guardianship, Mental Health & Trust Division to handle certain mental health cases. It is now necessary to establish a similar specialized mental health court subdivision of the Juvenile Delinquency Division to handle cases of eligible juveniles.

By the power vested in the chief judge under article V, section 2(d), Florida Constitution; section 43.26, Florida Statutes; and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2), it is ORDERED:

**1. Juvenile Mental Health Delinquency Division "B"**

Juvenile Mental Health Delinquency Division "B" is hereby established as a new subdivision in the Juvenile Delinquency Division.


**2. Administrative Provisions**

Administrative provisions in response to the establishment of Juvenile Mental Health Delinquency Division "B" will be promulgated by a subsequent administrative order.

**3. Effective Date**

Juvenile Mental Health Delinquency Division "B" is established immediately for preparation and setup purposes. The first day of operation for Juvenile Mental Health Delinquency Division "B" will be coordinated with the Administrative Office of the Courts, Clerk of the Circuit Court, State Attorney, and Public Defender.

ENTERED in Tampa, Florida, on December 3, 2018.

  
Ronald N. Ficarrotta, Chief Judge

Original to: Pat Frank, Clerk of the Circuit Court

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