

**THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER S-2023-019

**ESTABLISHMENT OF CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION “HT” AS A
TEMPORARY DIVISION TO MANAGE CERTAIN CASES**

Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.545(b) requires that trial judges take charge of all cases at an early stage in litigation, control the progress of cases and take specific steps to monitor the pace of litigation including assuming early and continuous control of the court calendar, implementing such docket control policies as may be necessary to advance priority cases to ensure prompt resolution, developing rational and effective trial setting policies and advancing the trial setting of priority cases, older cases, and cases of greater urgency.

It is necessary for the proper administration of justice within this circuit to establish a temporary Circuit Civil Division to manage certain cases filed between March 13, 2023, and March 24, 2023, and designated on the civil cover sheet as general negligence, auto negligence, negligent security, nursing home negligence, products liability, insurance claims, and premises liability.

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

1. Circuit Civil Division “HT”

Circuit Civil Division “HT” is established as a temporary division in the Circuit Civil Division.

2. Judicial Assignment

Effective April 21, 2023, Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe, is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “HT” in addition to her current assignment to Circuit Civil Division “E.”

3. Transfer of Cases to Circuit Civil Division “HT”

Cases filed during the time period of March 13, 2023, through March 24, 2023, that have been designated by Plaintiff(s) on the filed civil cover sheet as either a general negligence, auto negligence, negligent security, nursing home

negligence, products liability, insurance claim or premise liability case may be transferred to Circuit Civil Division “HT.”

The judges assigned to Tampa Circuit Civil Divisions “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” “E,” “F,” “G,” “H,” “I,” “J,” “K,” and East Circuit Civil Divisions “R” and “T” may transfer a case meeting the requirements of this section to Circuit Civil Division “HT” by entering an “Order to Transfer to Division ‘HT’ and Stay.”

4. Effective Date

Circuit Civil Division “HT” is established immediately for preparation and setup purposes. The first day of operation for Circuit Civil Division “HT” is April 21, 2023.

ENTERED in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on April 19, 2023.



Ronald N. Ficarrotta, Chief Judge

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