IN THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER S-2026-060
(Supersedes Administrative Order S-2014-022)

UNIFIED FAMILY COURT

Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.003 provides that all related family law cases must be handled before one judge unless impractical and that judges assigned to hear related cases involving the same family or children, or both, may confer for the purpose of case management and coordination of related cases.

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

1. Unified Family Court Division

For purposes of this administrative order, "Unified Family Court Division" means any of the following divisions of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit:

Subject Matter Division	Letter
Family Law	A
Family Law	B
Family Law	C
Family Law	D
Family Law	E
Family Law	F
Family Law	I
Family Law	J
Family Law	L
Family Law	N
Family Law (East Division)	P
Family Law (East Division)	R
Family Law (East Division)	T
Title IV-D Child Support	Y
Protective Injunctions	G
Protective Injunctions	H
Protective Injunctions	K

Protective Injunctions	M
Protective Injunctions (East Division)	Q
Protective Injunctions (East Division)	S
Protective Injunctions (East Division)	V
Juvenile Delinquency	A
Juvenile Delinquency	F
Juvenile Delinquency (Mental Health)	B
Juvenile Delinquency (Juvenile Drug Court)	E
Juvenile Dependency	B
Juvenile Dependency	D
Juvenile Dependency	S
Independent Living Transition Services	I
Family Dependency Treatment Court	J
Juvenile Dependency (Dependency Specialty)	V

2. Unified Family Court Cases

All judges assigned to Unified Family Court Divisions will preside over "family cases" involving a single family unless impractical, including, but not limited to: dissolution of marriage; annulment; support unconnected with dissolution of marriage; paternity; child support; UIFSA; custodial care of and access to children; proceedings for temporary or concurrent custody of minor children by extended family; adoption; name change; declaratory judgment actions related to premarital, marital, or postmarital agreements; civil domestic violence, repeat violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual violence injunctions; juvenile dependency; termination of parental rights; juvenile delinquency; emancipation of a minor; CINS/FINS; truancy; and modification and enforcement of orders entered in these cases.

3. Notice of Related Cases Form

In accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.545(d), petitioners in all Unified Family Court Divisions must complete and file a Notice of Related Cases form in conformity with Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(h) if any related cases are known or reasonably ascertainable, as defined in Rule 2.545(d)(1)(A) through (D).

In accordance with Rule 2.545(d)(4), the petitioner must file the Notice in each of the related cases that are currently open and pending with the court. The petitioner must serve the Notice on: (1) all other parties in each of the related cases,

(2) the presiding division judges in each of the related cases, and (3) the Unified Family Court administrative judge.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court ("clerk") will provide Notice of Related Cases forms and instructions for completion to all petitioners, or their attorneys, in all Unified Family Court Divisions.

4. Unified Family Court Administrative Judge Duties

Upon receipt of a Notice of Related Cases form, the Unified Family Court administrative judge, when practicable, will consult with the presiding division judges in each related family case to determine whether transferring or consolidating the cases is practical. If the Unified Family Court administrative judge determines that it is practical to transfer or consolidate two or more related family cases, the administrative judge will enter an order transferring or consolidating the related family cases and specifying which Unified Family Court Division will hear the cases. If the administrative judge determines that it is impractical to transfer or consolidate related family cases, the cases will not be consolidated.

The administrative judge of the Unified Family Court is the final arbiter on whether related family cases involving the same family or children should be transferred or consolidated into one division. The administrative judge of the Unified Family Court will be assisted in the judge's duties under this administrative order by the clerk and by the court's Case Management Unit.

5. Inconsistent Provisions of Other Administrative Orders

If any provisions of this administrative order are inconsistent with the provisions of any other administrative order, the provisions of this administrative order control.

6. Previous Administrative Order Superseded

This administrative order supersedes Administrative Order S-2014-022 (*Unified Family Court).*

7. Effective Date

This administrative order is effective January 5, 2027.

ENTERED on November 2nd, 2026.

Christopher C. Sabella, Chief Judge

Original: Victor D. Crist, Clerk of the Court
Copy: All Unified Family Court Division Judges
Robert Snyder, Trial Court Administrator
Hillsborough County Bar Association