

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

**LOCAL RULE 2**

**COUNTY COURT DIVISIONS**

In accordance with article V, section 7, Florida Constitution and section 43.30, Florida Statutes, the following three subject matter divisions are hereby reestablished for the administrative management of court proceedings in the Hillsborough County Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.

A. County Civil Division

All suits, actions, proceedings, or matters within the jurisdiction of the county court and not assigned to other subject matter divisions are assigned to the County Civil Division.

B. County Criminal Division

All actions, cases, and proceedings involving the administration of criminal justice within the jurisdiction of the county court are assigned to the County Criminal Division.

C. Traffic Division

Except for enhanced penalties and other proceedings solely within the jurisdiction of the circuit court, all proceedings arising under the following chapters of the Florida Statutes are assigned to the Traffic Division: 316 (state uniform traffic control); 317 (off-highway vehicle titling); 318 (disposition of traffic infractions); 320 (motor vehicle licenses); 322 (driver licenses); and 338 (limited access and toll facilities). Matters assigned to the Traffic Division may be civil in nature or criminal in nature.

D. Subdivisions

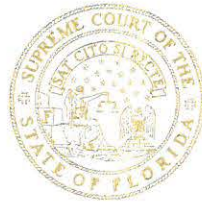
In accordance with *Mann v. Chief Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit*, 696 So. 2d 1184 (Fla. 1997) and *Physicians Healthcare Plans, Inc. v. Pfeifler*, 846 So. 2d 1129 (Fla. 2003), the chief judge is empowered, through the issuance of administrative orders, to establish subdivisions within any of the subject matter divisions approved by this local rule.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that prior to submission of revised Local Rule 2 to the Florida Supreme Court, the requirements of Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(e)(1) have been satisfied. The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit hereby requests approval of Local Rule 2 by the Florida Supreme Court.

DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

  
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Ronald N. Ficarrotta, Chief Judge



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April 9, 2015

The Honorable Ronald N. Ficarrotta  
Chief Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit  
800 East Twiggs Street, Room 602  
Tampa, Florida 33602

Re: Thirteenth Judicial Circuit – Revision of Local Rule 1 and Local Rule 2

Dear Chief Judge Ficarrotta:

The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit's request to revise Local Rule 1 and Local Rule 2 was approved by the Court on April 1, 2015. I have enclosed copies for your records.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "John A. Tomasino", written over a horizontal line.

John A. Tomasino

JAT/vbv  
Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Robert T. Benton, II  
John F. Harkness, Jr., Esquire  
Mr. Benjamin H. Hill, IV, President, Hillsborough County Bar Association  
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