

GIVING NOTICE OF JUDICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Background & Analysis

There are no special requirements for judges to communicate about coordinating pending cases. CJC Canon 3B(7)(c) which says, “A judge may consult with other judges or with court personnel whose function is to aid the judge in carrying out the judge’s adjudicative responsibilities” still applies. Likewise, Fla. Fam. L. R.P. 12.003(a)(2) says:

(i)f it is impractical for one judge to handle all related family cases, the judges assigned to hear the related cases involving the same family and/or children may confer for the purpose of case management and coordination of the cases. Notice and communication shall comply with Canon 3B(7) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

However, bringing the interested parties into the case management discussion may help to facilitate the case management process and allow for more meaningful scheduling of hearings while avoiding calendar conflicts.