IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO: L-2015-15

UNIFIED FAMILY COURT ("UFC") in the Fifth Circuit was created in 2001 and formalized for the Circuit by Administrative Order No. A2002-03. Since 2001, UFC principles have been affected in each of the counties of the Circuit. This Administrative Order is intended to further enhance and support UFC in in Lake County and to establish uniformity in certain type of cases, and not to limit existing practices already in effect which comply with UFC and its principles. In accordance with and A2015-10 it is therefore,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

1. Commencing July 1, 2015, all Judges on the Domestic Relations and Dependency dockets are hereby designated as Judges of the Unified Family Court (UFC) division in and for Lake County. The Clerk of the Court shall establish and maintain a division specifically dedicated to cases identified as UFC cases.

2. Commencing July 1, 2015, every newly filed juvenile delinquency case arising from a law enforcement complaint against a minor child; juvenile dependency case; termination of parental rights case (TPR) under Chapter 39, Florida Statutes; adoption that emanates from a TPR under Chapter 39; and action under Chapter 984, Florida Statutes, shall be assigned to a UFC division in accordance with Administrative Order A-2015-10.

3. Commencing July 1, 2015, every newly filed injunction for protection against domestic violence that involves the same parties as a pending domestic relations case shall be assigned to the UFC division and both cases shall be transferred to the Domestic Relations Judge **after the return hearing has been concluded**.

   Likewise, if a Domestic Relations case is filed and there is an existing injunction that involves the same parties both cases shall be assigned to the UFC division and both cases shall be transferred to the Domestic Relations Judge.

4. Commencing July 1, 2015, every newly filed dependency petition that involves the same parties as a pending domestic relations case shall be assigned to the UFC division and both cases shall be transferred to the Dependency Judge.

   Likewise, if a Domestic Relations case is filed and there is an existing dependency case wherein supervision is ongoing that involves the same parties both cases shall be assigned to the UFC division and both cases shall be transferred to the Dependency Judge.

5. All other terms, conditions, procedures and requirements, not inconsistent with this Order, as set forth in Administrative Order A-2015-10 shall remain in full force and effect.

6. Any and all ambiguities in terms of this Order or case assignment shall be resolved by the Administrative Judge in and for Lake County.

7. Except as specifically provided herein, the terms and principles ordered and approved in Administrative Orders A2002-03 and A2015-10 continue in full force and effect in this Circuit.

DONE AND ORDERED this 24 day of June, 2015.

DON F. BRIGGS,
Administrative Judge, Lake County