

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2013-062 PI-CIR

RE: CIRCUIT CIVIL SECTION 20

Mortgage foreclosure section 33 was created in Administrative Order 2013-036. That Administrative Order provides that on a date to be specified by the Court, the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Pinellas County (Clerk) will reassign certain cases from section 20 to sections 7, 15, and 21.

This Administrative Order sets a date for the reassignment of cases from section 20 to sections 7, 15, and 21, and provides for matters currently scheduled to be heard in section 20. In accordance with Article V, §2, Florida Constitution, Rules of Judicial Administration 2.215, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Effective January 1, 2014, cases in section 20 are being reassigned to sections 7, 15, and 21. In order to implement this change, the Clerk is directed effective October 7, 2013, to reassign to section 7, 15, and 21 all open cases in section 20 that were not reassigned to section 33 as specified in Administrative Order 2013-036 or that have not been reassigned by separate order. The cases to be reassigned include (a) all commercial foreclosure cases, homestead residential foreclosure cases, and non-homestead residential foreclosure cases filed on or after January 1, 2013; and (b) all other circuit civil cases including other real property actions regardless of the filing date.
2. These cases are to be reassigned to sections 7, 15, and 21 in a manner that results in approximately the same number of cases assigned to each section. In completing the re-assignments, if the judge in section 7, 15, or 21 has entered an order of recusal from all cases involving that party or attorney, the case should not be re-assigned to that section, but should be reassigned to another Clearwater section where the judge has not entered an order of recusal.
3. The Clerk is directed to reassign these cases as of October 7, 2013; however, all matters including trials in section 20 currently scheduled to be heard on or before December 31, 2013, remain scheduled in section 20. Hearings and trials in these cases to be heard on or before December 31, 2013, are to be heard by the judge assigned to section 20, as hearing time is or becomes available. Any hearings in these cases to be heard after December 31, 2013, must be scheduled before the new section judge.
4. Effective October 7, 2013, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, the Clerk is directed to mail a notification to all counsel of record or parties, if unrepresented, in cases being reassigned from section 20. The notification must include information on how to contact the new section judge, confirm that any matter scheduled to be heard in section 20 on or before December 31, 2013, will be heard by the section 20 judge,

that matters to be scheduled after December 31, 2013, must be scheduled with the new section judge, and other information about scheduling, which will be provided by the Court.

5. After the above cases are reassigned, the Clerk shall confirm to the Chief Judge that Odyssey only includes cases in section 20 that are closed.
6. When a motion is filed that re-opens a case assigned to section 20, the Clerk is directed to assign the matter to section 7, 15, or 21 in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Administrative Order.

All other terms and conditions of Administrative Order 2013-036 PI-CIR not in conflict with this Administrative Order remain in full force and effect.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida, this _____ day of September, 2013.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2013
BY J. THOMAS MCGRADY, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Pinellas Judges
The Honorable Bernie McCabe, State Attorney
The Honorable Bob Dillinger, Public Defender
The Honorable Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pinellas County
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