

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2018-058 PI-CIR

**RE: ASSIGNMENT OF TRAFFIC CASES IN PINELLAS COUNTY –
JANUARY 1, 2019**

The South County Traffic Facility will be closing at the end of 2018. It is necessary to relocate the South County Traffic Court to the Pinellas County Justice Center. In order to provide for the assignment of cases in the traffic division in Pinellas County, and

In accordance with Article V, section 2, Florida Constitution, Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, it is

ORDERED:

1. The Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court (Clerk) is directed to assign all cases filed in the Traffic Division in Pinellas County in accordance with this Administrative Order and the Local Rules.
2. Criminal Traffic cases are to be assigned based upon the ZIP code of the agency issuing the citation except as provided in this Administrative Order.
 - a. Cases filed in Pinellas County from the following agencies will be assigned to Sections 49 and 50 at the Pinellas County Justice Center:
 - Bay Pines V.A. Police Service
 - Department of Transportation
 - Gulfport Police Department
 - Indian Shores Police Department
 - Kenneth City Police Department
 - Pinellas County Schools Police
 - Pinellas Park Police Department
 - St. Petersburg Police Department
 - Treasure Island Police Department
 - University of South Florida
 - b. Cases filed in Pinellas County from the following agencies will be assigned to Section 51 and 52 at the North County Traffic Facility:
 - Belleair Police Department
 - Clearwater Police Department
 - Largo Police Department
 - Tarpon Springs Police Department
 - c. Cases filed in Pinellas County from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Highway Patrol, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will be assigned to either the North County Traffic Facility or the Pinellas County Justice Center based on the assignment of the deputy, trooper, or officer issuing the citation.

Deputies, troopers, and officers will be assigned to either the North County Traffic Facility or the Pinellas County Justice Center in a manner that results in an even distribution of cases between the court facilities.

- d. The Clerk shall provide the Administrative Office of the Courts with a report at least semi-annually that provides the percentage of cases that are assigned to the Pinellas County Justice Center and the percentage assigned to the North County Traffic Facility.
 - e. When a judge has entered an order recusing himself or herself from all cases of a named party or attorney, the Clerk shall:
 - i. Reassign all cases from that party or attorney to the other traffic facility unless otherwise directed, and
 - ii. Assign future cases so that cases from that party or attorney are not assigned to the recused judge.
 - f. When a judge has entered an order of disqualification in an individual case, the Clerk shall reassign that case to the other traffic facility unless otherwise directed.
3. Non-criminal traffic infraction cases will continue to be assigned pursuant to Administrative Order 2017-032 or subsequent Administrative Order. If a county court judge is required in such a case, it will be calendared pursuant to paragraph two of this Administrative Order.
 4. No cases are to be reassigned based upon this Administrative Order.
 5. Cases shall be scheduled so that citations from each law enforcement agency are calendared to minimize the time officers are in court.
 6. A motion to re-open a case from a former section that is now closed is to be assigned in accordance with this Administrative Order. A motion to re-open a case from an open section is to be assigned to the former section unless the judge assigned to that section has entered an order of recusal.
 7. The Clerk and Pinellas County Business Technology Services shall take the necessary action to implement this Order. No changes to the Administrative Order or exceptions to the terms of this Administrative Order may be made unless authorized in writing by the Chief Judge.

Administrative Order 2016-016 PI-CIR is hereby rescinded.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this _____ day of October, 2018.

ORIGINAL SIGNED OCTOBER 19, 2018
BY ANTHONY RONDOLINO, 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
The Honorable Bob Gualtieri, Sheriff, Pinellas County
Gay Inskeep, Trial Courts Administrator
Ita M. Neymotin, Regional Counsel, Second District
Ngozi Acholonu, Assistant Regional Counsel
Jewel White, County Attorney, Pinellas County
Mark Woodward, County Administrator, Pinellas County
Harold Vielhauer, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, General Counsel
Major Joseph Franza, Florida Highway Patrol, Troop Commander
Captain Maurice Hensley, Florida Highway Patrol, Pinellas Park District Commander
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Local Law Enforcement Agencies
Bar Associations, Pasco and Pinellas Counties
Law Libraries, Pasco and Pinellas Counties