

Pinellas Circuit Civil Sections 8 and 21 Set to Close

Pursuant to [Administrative Order 2020-22 PI-CIR](#), the Court is closing Pinellas circuit civil Sections 8 and 21 **effective January 1, 2021**.

Effective on or before September 4, 2020, all cases in section 8 that are in an “open” or “reopened” posture are expected to be assigned to sections 11, 13 or 19, and all cases in section 21 that are in an “open” or “reopened” posture are expected to be assigned to sections 7, 15, or 20.

Hearings that are currently scheduled between now and the close of business on December 31, 2020, will remain scheduled in the current section. If you need to set, cancel or reschedule a hearing before January 1, 2021, please contact the office of the judge whose section the case is **currently** assigned. There will be an event entry in Odyssey noting the original section assignment to assist in determining a case’s current assignment.

If you need to schedule a hearing to be set on or after January 1, 2021, please check the Odyssey docket. The new case assignment on January 1, 2021 will be reflected in Odyssey. After checking the new case assignment, contact the judicial assistant for the new section to set your hearing on or after January 1, 2021.

If you have a hearing in section 8 or section 21 that is currently scheduled for January 1, 2021 or later, and you have not already been contacted by the section judges’ office, please confer with opposing counsel and reschedule the hearing before the new section judge.

In those cases currently scheduled for trial or ready to be scheduled for trial in Sections 8 or 21, the parties shall confer within 30 days of the date of the administrative order and schedule a Case Management Conference with the newly assigned section judge in order to schedule or confirm a trial date.

When a motion is filed that re-opens a case assigned to section 8 or section 21, the Clerk will assign the matter in accordance with the Administrative Order for the assignment of civil, family law, county civil and small claims divisions in Pinellas County.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we make this necessary adjustment to our judicial assignments. Should you have any questions about your current or new case assignment, please contact (727) 464-7000.