

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 24-2
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 23-31 A1
(Amending AO NO. 23-31)**

**IN RE: FILING OF CONSUMER-DEBT
(NON-INSURANCE) CASES IN THE
COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION**

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 23-31 requires actions filed in the Civil Division of the County Court to be filed and assigned to Sections pursuant to a blind filing system, in which the blind filing pool includes all division judges across each of the six branch court locations and the central location; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 23-31 provides that to the extent that any portion of it may be construed as conflicting with any law, statute, or rule, it is the law, statute, or rule that shall prevail; and

WHEREAS, 15 U.S.C. § 1692i(a)(2)(B) of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, requires that any legal action on a debt brought against a consumer that is not to enforce an interest in real property securing the consumer's obligation, must be brought in the judicial district in which the consumer signed the contract sued upon or in which the consumer resides at the commencement of the action.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Rule 2.215 of the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. Any action on a debt brought against a consumer filed in the Civil Division of the County Court that is not to enforce an interest in real property securing the consumer's obligation shall be designated by the filer as case type "Consumer-Debt (Non-Insurance)," and it shall be filed in the County Court District/Branch Court where the defendant/consumer resides.
2. The procedure set forth in Administrative Order No. 23-31 for blind-filing cases is amended for only case types designated as "Consumer-Debt (Non-Insurance). For "Consumer-Debt (Non-Insurance)" cases that are filed in the County Court, the blind filing pool will only include the division judges located at the County Court District/Branch Court where the case was filed.

3. Except as amended herein, Administrative Order No. 23-31 remains in full force and effect.

This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately upon execution and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 10th day of July 2024.

**NUSHIN G. SAYFIE, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**