

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA


ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5.806-11/14

IN RE: EMERGENCY MOTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR
EMERGENCY HEARINGS IN JUVENILE MATTERS

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Emergency Motions and Requests for Emergency Hearings filed in dependency or delinquency matters shall be immediately brought to the judge to which the juvenile case is assigned. If the judge assigned to the case is not available, the emergency matter shall be brought to the judge's alternate. If the judge's alternative is not available, then the emergency matter shall be brought to any available juvenile judge. If no juvenile judge is available, the emergency matter shall then be brought to the duty judge.
2. The request for an emergency hearing will be decided on the Emergency Motion alone. Upon receiving a request for an emergency hearing, the judge shall decide whether an emergency exists, and if so, shall schedule a hearing, enter any ex parte order deemed necessary, or take any other appropriate action.
3. Motions for Emergency Hearings will be denied unless there are sufficient allegations to establish that there is:
 - a. An imminent risk of substantial physical harm to a minor child; or
 - b. A child is about to be illegally removed from this Court's jurisdiction.

DONE and **SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida,
this 19 day of November, 2014.



Jeffrey Colbath
Chief Judge