

September 14, 2009

The Honorable J. David Langford, Chief Judge
Tenth Judicial Circuit
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Dear Judge Langford:

As a result of recent budget cuts, I have asked my staff to seek ways to continue to provide excellent service with a renewed emphasis on preserving scarce resources. As a result, we have recently completed a restructuring plan for our Civil Division. The redesign involves a physical relocation of certain functions and encompasses the following:

- Civil Department – both County and Circuit Civil (without Family cases) will be located in the current County Civil area.
- Family Department – the Family portion of what was Circuit Civil and Domestic Violence will be located in the current Circuit Civil area.
- DRD – will remain in its current space next to Family.
- Probate – will remain in its current space.
- Juvenile – will be divided into Dependency and Delinquency, with Dependency relocating to the current site of Domestic Violence. Delinquency would stay in its current location (with more room).

We see these changes as providing improvements for workload efficiency, giving us some much-needed breathing space, and making it easier for customers to access our services.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Weiss
Clerk of the Circuit Court

cc: The Honorable Ellen Masters, Administrative Family Judge
The Honorable Roger Alcott, Administrative Civil Judge
The Honorable Harvey Kornstein, Administrative Juvenile Judge
The Honorable Beth Harlan, Administrative County Judge