

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**SPECIAL ORDER**

**REASSIGNMENT OF SECTION 16 DISPOSED AND PENDING  
REAL PROPERTY/MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CASES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 was established on July 1, 2010, as a mortgage foreclosure project; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 was primarily presided over by senior judges, made possible by an appropriation of funds by the Florida Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the mortgage foreclosure project was successful in reducing backlogged cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature, as a result of economic hardship, has not reappropriated additional funds for the continuance of the mortgage foreclosure project; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the discontinued funding for the mortgage foreclosure project and the unavailability of other resources, it is necessary to reassign real property/mortgage foreclosure cases in Section 16 to Sections 04, 07, 08, 11, and 15 in order to promote judicial economy, maximize judicial resources, and provide for prompt and efficient administration of justice in this circuit; and

It is therefore,

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that:

On October 15, 2011, the Polk County Clerk of Courts is hereby directed to randomly reassign all disposed and pending real property/mortgage foreclosure cases in Section 16, that are not scheduled for a hearing, to Sections 04, 07, 08, 11, and 15.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

**WM. BRUCE SMITH, Chief Judge**