

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO:
20-17 2ND AMENDED
SUPERSEDES 20-17-B
AMENDED**

**IN RE: TRAFFIC – COVID-19 EMERGENCY – PROCEDURES FOR DEFENSIVE
DRIVING COURSES**

WHEREAS the World Health Organization (WHO), the Federal Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Florida State Emergency Operations Center have devised systems to detect and monitor the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmissions;

WHEREAS the WHO has declared COVID-19 a pandemic, the Governor of Florida has declared a state of emergency exists, and the Surgeon General and State Health Officer have declared a public health emergency exists, and the Florida State Courts System must, therefore, in an abundance of caution, take steps to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on the courts and court participants; and

WHEREAS, a public health emergency currently exists in the Florida State Courts System that requires mitigation of its effects by adopting “social distancing” measures meant to reduce the increase in person-to-person transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued the 15 Days to Slow the Spread guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures, such as working from home and avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the administrative authority conferred upon me by article V, section 2 of the Florida Constitution and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215;

IT IS ORDERED that:

All previous court ordered “live” or in person defensive driving courses with due dates occurring between March 12, 2020, and May 29, 2020, are extended for 45 days from the original due date. The Court will accept equivalent courses completed in an online or DVD format. DONE and ORDERED this 8th day of April, 2020.

LISA DAVIDSON
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CHIEF JUDGE

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