

LOCAL RULE 53 | CONSOLIDATION ORDERS

Administrative Order. No 2018-100-Civ - Administrative Order Establishing Circuit Civil Cases Distribution.

If cases are filed and assigned to different civil divisions which concern the same subject matter or common issues the cases may be consolidated as follows:

- The plaintiff or defendant shall file a notice in each case setting forth the parties and case number of the similar case(s).
- The party seeking consolidation shall file a motion and set a hearing in the division with the lowest/earliest case number.
- If an order granting the consolidation is entered it shall indicate if it is consolidated for discovery, trial, or discovery and trial. Consolidated cases remain separate cases for the filing of pleadings and papers and only the case number for the case in which the pleading or paper is filed shall be stated with no reference to the companion case number.

