



Election-Related Litigation Procedures Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Hillsborough County, Florida (Tampa)



During regular business hours (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST), any election-related action electronically filed with the Clerk will be assigned to one of the eleven standard general civil divisions in Tampa according to the assignment procedures in Administrative Order S-2017-070 (*General Civil Division*). If necessary, the assigned judge will establish an expedited schedule for further filings and hearings.

During non-business hours on Election Day and Night (5:01 p.m. Tuesday, November 6th through 7:59 a.m. Wednesday, November 7th, 2018), any application requesting emergency relief in an election-related case will be immediately assigned to Administrative Judge Rex M. Barbas via a representative of the clerk's office. Petitioners must contact Dana Caranante, Director of the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Civil Court Operations, (813) 307-7017 or (cell) (813) 217-2473, simultaneous with e-filing the application requesting emergency relief.

The Florida Supreme Court has authorized the Hillsborough County Clerk of the Circuit Court, 13th Judicial Circuit, to provide electronic viewing to many court records, indexes and dockets as well as non-confidential document images through their on-line viewing website which is located at <https://hover.hillsclerk.com/>. Viewing of Election Related Litigation cases will occur through this system and access will be governed by the Standards for Access to Electronic Court Records and Access Security Matrix which can be viewed at the following link: <http://www.flcourts.org/resources-and-services/court-technology/technology-standards.stml>.