

**[Proposed Amended]**

**Rule 1071-1**

**DIVISIONS – BANKRUPTCY COURT**

(a) ***Middle District of Florida.*** The Middle District of Florida ~~consists of those is comprised of the~~ counties ~~and places of holding court as~~ designated in 28 U.S.C. § 89.

(b) ***Divisions.*** The Middle District ~~shall be is~~ divided into four Divisions ~~to be known as the Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa, and Fort Myers Divisions, as follows:~~

(1) ***Jacksonville Division.*** The Jacksonville Division ~~is comprised consists of~~ the following counties: Baker, Bradford, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Flagler, Hamilton, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, and Union. The ~~Court will conduct hearings in place of holding court shall be~~ Jacksonville.

(2) ***Orlando Division.*** The Orlando Division ~~is comprised consists of~~ the following counties: Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia. The ~~Court will conduct hearings in place of holding court shall be~~ Orlando.

(3) ***Tampa Division.*** The Tampa Division ~~is comprised consists of~~ the following counties: Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota. The ~~Court will conduct hearings in place of holding court shall be~~ Tampa.

(4) ***Fort Myers Division.*** The Fort Myers Division ~~is comprised consists of~~ the following counties: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, and Lee. The ~~Court will conduct hearings in place of holding court shall be~~ Fort Myers or as determined by the presiding judge.

(c) ***Assignment of Appropriate Division.*** ~~The Clerk's Office shall assign each case, as determined by information set forth on the bankruptcy A petition commencing a bankruptcy case must be , to filed in~~ the appropriate Division. The appropriate Division is the ~~one~~ Division:

(1) in which the debtor's domicile, residence, principal place of business, or principal assets, ~~of the person or entity that is the subject of such case (A) has been were~~ located for the 180 days immediately preceding ~~such commencement~~ the filing of the petition, or (B) for a longer portion of the 180-day period ~~that the domicile, residence, principal place of business, or principal assets of such person were located than~~ in ~~any other another~~ Division; or

(2) in which there is a pending ~~a~~ case under the Bankruptcy Code concerning such person's affiliate, general partner, or partnership.

(d) ***Transfer of Case to a Different Division.*** ~~The Court, u~~ Upon motion of any party in interest or the Court's own motion, the Court may order that the case be transferred to a

different Division if the Court determines that the transfer is ~~to the appropriate Division under this rule,~~ in the interest of justice, or for the convenience of the parties.