

Rule 1.04 | DIVISIONS AND PLACE TO FILE

(a) DIVISIONS. The Middle District comprises these divisions and these counties:

Fort Myers Division	Charlotte County Collier County DeSoto County Glades County Hendry County Lee County
Jacksonville Division	Baker County Bradford County Clay County Columbia County Duval County Flagler County Hamilton County Nassau County Putnam County St. Johns County Suwanee County Union County Ocala Division Citrus County Lake County Marion County Sumter County
Orlando Division	Brevard County Orange County Osceola County Seminole County Volusia County
Tampa Division	Hardee County Hernando County Hillsborough County Manatee County Pasco County Pinellas County Polk County Sarasota County

(b) DIVISION FOR A CIVIL ACTION. A party must begin an action in the division to which the action is most directly connected or in which the action is most conveniently advanced. The judge must transfer the action to the division most consistent with the purpose of this rule.

(c) DIVISION FOR A CRIMINAL ACTION. Unless otherwise provided by law, the United States must begin a criminal action in a division in which at least one defendant committed a charged offense. The judge must transfer the action to the division to which the action is most directly connected or in which the action is most conveniently advanced.