

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 14-03**

**Administrative closure of neglect cases by Juvenile/Neglect Branch upon the child's  
reaching the age of twenty-one**

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interests of the residents of the District of Columbia to have neglect matters processed in a timely and efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS**, D.C. Code §16-2322(f) states, “[u]nless sooner terminated, all orders of the Division under this subchapter in force with respect to a child terminate when he reaches twenty-one years of age”; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Court to abide by the jurisdictional limitations contained in the statute and to ensure that cases are disposed of in a timely manner;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is by this Court,

**ORDERED**, that the Juvenile/Neglect Clerk's office is authorized to take appropriate steps to administratively dispose of neglect cases in the Court's case management system upon a child's twenty-first birthday. This will include, but is not limited to, dismissal of cases and vacating of any pending matters already scheduled. It is further

**ORDERED**, that this Administrative Order shall take effect on February 7, 2014.

**SO ORDERED.**

**BY THE COURT**

**February 7, 2014**

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Lee F. Satterfield  
Chief Judge

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