

**IN THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER A-2024-035
(Supersedes Administrative Orders A-2023-057,
A-2024-010, and A-2024-026)**

JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(4) empowers the chief judge to assign judges to the courts and divisions and to determine the length of each assignment. Rule 2.215(b)(5) authorizes the chief judge to designate administrative judges of any division to assist with the administrative supervision of the division. Rule 2.215(b)(2) provides that the chief judge may enter and sign administrative orders.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis recently appointed the Honorable J. Logan Murphy as a judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court. The governor also appointed Christopher E. Brown and Matthew L. Felix as judges of the Hillsborough County Court. As a result of these appointments, it is necessary to assign these judges and other judges to various divisions.

By the power vested in the chief judge under article V, section 2(d), Florida Constitution; section 43.26, Florida Statutes; and the above-referenced rules of judicial administration, it is ORDERED that the judges of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court and the judges of the Hillsborough County Court are assigned to the following divisions and subdivisions and designated as administrative judges:

CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit Civil Division

Cheryl K. Thomas is assigned to Circuit Civil Division "A."

Mark R. Wolfe is assigned to Circuit Civil Division "B."

Melissa M. Polo is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “C.”

Emily A. Peacock is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “D.”

Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “E.”

Jennifer X. Gabbard is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “F.”

Christopher C. Nash is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “G.”

Helene L. Daniel is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “H.”

Paul L. Huey is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “I.”

Alissa M. Ellison is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “J.”

Lindsay M. Alvarez is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “K.”

Darren D. Farfante is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “L” (Business Court).

Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe is assigned to temporary Circuit Civil Division “HT.”

Kimberly K. Fernandez is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “T” (Jimmy Ryce Act Division).

Darren D. Farfante is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “Y” (Tobacco Division).

Darren D. Farfante is assigned to Circuit Civil Division “Z” (Asbestos Litigation).

D. Michelle Sisco is assigned to Circuit Civil Trial Division 1.

Lyann Goudie is assigned to Circuit Civil Trial Division 2.

Probate, Guardianship, Mental Health & Trust Division

Catherine M. Catlin is assigned to Probate, Guardianship, Mental Health and Trust Division “A.”

Caroline Tesche Arkin is assigned to Probate, Guardianship, Mental Health and Trust Division “B.”

Michael J. Scionti is assigned to Probate, Guardianship, Mental Health and Trust Division “M” (Mental Health).

Caroline Tesche Arkin is assigned to Probate, Guardianship, Mental Health and Trust Division “N” (Risk Protection Orders).

East Division

Michael S. Williams is assigned to East Circuit Division “O” (Probate and Trust).

Michael S. Williams is assigned to East Circuit Division “P” (Civil and Family).

Michael S. Williams is assigned to East Circuit Division “Q” (Protective Injunctions).

Nancy L. Jacobs is assigned to East Circuit Division “R” (Civil and Family).

Nancy L. Jacobs is assigned to East Circuit Division “S” (Protective Injunctions).

James S. Moody, III is assigned to East Circuit Division “T” (Civil and Family).

Nancy L. Jacobs is assigned to East Circuit Division “U” (Probate and Trust).

James S. Moody, III is assigned to East Circuit Division “V” (Protective Injunctions).

James S. Moody, III is assigned to East Circuit Division “W” (Probate and Trust).

Circuit Criminal Division

Barbara Twine Thomas is assigned to Circuit Criminal Division “A.”

Kimberly K. Fernandez is assigned to Circuit Criminal Division “B.”

Christine A. Marlewski is assigned to Circuit Criminal Division “C.”

G. Gregory Green is assigned to Circuit Criminal Division “D.”

Mark D. Kiser is assigned to Circuit Criminal Division “E.”

Robin F. Fuson is assigned to Circuit Criminal Division “G.”

Elizabeth G. Rice is assigned to Circuit Criminal Division “I.”

D. Michelle Sisco is assigned to Circuit Criminal Division “J” (Post-Conviction Relief Division).

Nick Nazaretian is assigned to Circuit Criminal Division “K” (Violation of Probation Division).

Michael J. Scionti is assigned to Circuit Criminal Division “M” (Mental Health).

Laura E. Ward is assigned to Criminal Division “O” (Preliminary Proceedings).

D. Michelle Sisco is assigned to Circuit Criminal Trial Division “1.”

Lyann Goudie is assigned to Circuit Criminal Trial Division “2.”

Samantha L. Ward is assigned to Circuit Criminal Trial Division “3.”

Drug Court Division

Denise A. Pomponio is assigned to PTI Drug Court Division “W.”

Denise A. Pomponio is assigned to Drug Court Division “Y.”

Denise A. Pomponio is assigned to Drug Court Division “Z”
(Marchman Act Division).

Veterans Treatment Court Division

Michael J. Scionti is assigned to Veterans Treatment Court Division
“V.”

Family Law Division

Cynthia S. Oster is assigned to Family Law Division “A.”

Joseph M. Tompkins is assigned to Family Law Division “B.”

Wendy J. DePaul is assigned to Family Law Division “C.”

Kelly A. Ayers is assigned to Family Law Division “D.”

Michael J. Hooi is assigned to Family Law Division “E.”

Wesley D. Tibbals is assigned to Family Law Division “F.”

Thomas N. Palermo is assigned to Family Law Division “I.”

Robert A. Bauman is assigned to Family Law Division “J.”

Matthew A. Smith is assigned to Family Law Division “Y” (Title IV-D
Child Support Enforcement Division) through May 5, 2024.
Effective May 6, 2024, *Christopher E. Brown* is assigned to Family
Law Division “Y” (Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement Division).

Protective Injunctions Division

Frances M. Perrone is assigned to Protective Injunctions Division
“G.”

Jessica G. Costello is assigned to Protective Injunctions Division
“H.”

Melissa C. Black is assigned to Protective Injunctions Division “K.”

Juvenile Delinquency Division

Lawrence M. Lefler is assigned to Juvenile Delinquency Division “A.”

Michael J. Scionti is assigned to Juvenile Delinquency Division “B”
(Mental Health).

Denise A. Pomponio is assigned to Juvenile Delinquency Division “E”
(Drug Court).

Kim Brennan is assigned to Juvenile Delinquency Division “F.”

Juvenile Dependency Division

Daryl M. Manning is assigned to Juvenile Dependency Division “C.”

Lisa D. Campbell is assigned to Juvenile Dependency Division “D.”

Katherine G. Essrig is assigned to Juvenile Dependency Division “I”
(Independent Living Transition Services).

Daryl M. Manning is assigned to Juvenile Dependency Division “J”
(Family Dependency Treatment Court).

Leslie K. Schultz-Kin is assigned to Juvenile Dependency Division
“S.”

Katherine G. Essrig is assigned to Juvenile Dependency Division “V”
(Dependency Specialty).

COUNTY COURT

County Criminal Division

Jack N. Gutman is assigned to County Criminal Division “A.”

Margaret R. Taylor is assigned to County Criminal Division “B.”

Scott A. Farr is assigned to County Criminal Division “C.”

Jeffrey M. Rich is assigned to County Criminal Division “D.”

Monique M. Scott is assigned to County Criminal Division “E.”

Michael C. Baggé-Hernández is assigned to County Criminal Domestic Violence Division “F.”

Laura E. Ward is assigned to Criminal Division “O” (Preliminary Proceedings).

County Civil Division

James S. Giardina is assigned to County Civil Division “H.”

Miriam V. Valkenburg is assigned to County Civil Division “I.”

J. Logan Murphy remains assigned temporarily to County Civil Division “J.”

Jessica G. Costello is assigned to County Civil Division “K.”

Richard H. Martin is assigned to County Civil Division “L.”

Lisa A. Allen is assigned to County Civil Division “M.”

Senior judges remain assigned to County Civil Division “N” through May 12, 2024. Effective May 13, 2024, *Matthew L. Felix* is assigned to newly expanded full-time County Civil Division “N.”

Cory L. Chandler is assigned to County Civil Division “O.” Effective May 1, 2024, County Civil Division “O” will be expanded into a full-time division.

Marc S. Makhholm is assigned to County Civil Division “P.”

Melissa C. Black is assigned to County Civil Division “S.”

Matthew A. Smith is assigned to County Civil Division “T” (Non-Criminal Non-Traffic Infractions) through May 5, 2024. Effective May 6, 2024, *Christopher E. Brown* is assigned to County Civil Division “T” (Non-Criminal Non-Traffic Infractions).

Frances M. Perrone is assigned to County Civil Division “U.”

Matthew A. Smith is assigned to County Civil Division “V.” Effective May 1, 2024, County Civil Division “V” will be expanded into a full-time division.

County Civil Traffic Division

Senior judges are temporarily assigned to County Civil Traffic Division “M” through May 5, 2024. Effective May 6, 2024, *Christopher E. Brown* is assigned to newly expanded County Civil Traffic Division “M.”

Cory L. Chandler is assigned to County Civil Traffic Division “R” through May 5, 2024. Effective May 6, 2024, County Civil Traffic Division “R” is abolished. At the time of County Civil Traffic Division “R”’s abolition, all cases pending in County Civil Traffic Division “R” will be transferred to County Civil Traffic Division “M.”

East Division

Christopher C. Sabella is temporarily assigned to East County Civil Traffic Division “W.”

Richard A. Weis is assigned to East County Criminal Division “X.”

Richard A. Weis is assigned to East County Criminal Division “X2.”

Richard A. Weis is assigned to East County Civil Division “Y.”

Administrative Judges

Darren D. Farfante is designated as administrative judge of the Circuit Civil Division.

Caroline Tesche Arkin is designated as administrative judge of the Probate, Guardianship, Mental Health & Trust Division.

James S. Moody, III is designated as administrative judge of the East Circuit Division.

Samantha L. Ward is designated as administrative judge of the Circuit Criminal Division.

Michael J. Scionti is designated as administrative judge of Veterans Treatment Court.

Denise A. Pomponio is designated as administrative judge of Drug Court.

Wesley D. Tibbals is designated as administrative judge of the Family Law Division.

Frances M. Perrone is designated as administrative judge of the Protective Injunctions Division.

Lawrence M. Lefler is designated as administrative judge of the Juvenile Delinquency Division.

Katherine G. Essrig is designated as administrative judge of the Juvenile Dependency Division.

Jeffrey M. Rich is designated as administrative judge of the County Criminal Division.

Frances M. Perrone is designated as administrative judge of the County Civil Division.

Richard A. Weis is designated as administrative judge of the East County Division.

Acting Circuit Judges & Acting County Judges

All county court judges assigned to circuit court divisions are

temporarily appointed as acting circuit court judges. All circuit court judges assigned to county court divisions are temporarily appointed as acting county court judges.

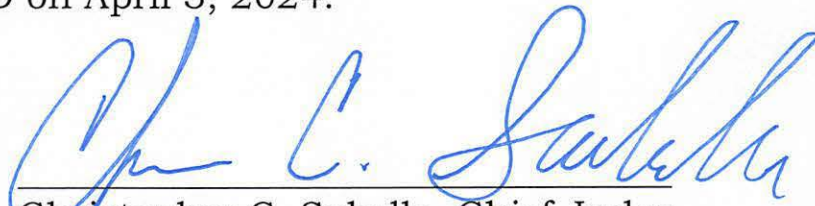
Previous Administrative Orders Superseded

This administrative order supersedes Administrative Order A-2023-057 (*Judicial Assignments*), A-2024-010 (*Judicial Assignments*) and A-2024-026 (*Judicial Assignments*).

Effective Date

Except as otherwise indicated in this administrative order, the foregoing judicial assignments and designations of administrative judges are effective on May 1, 2024.

ENTERED on April 3, 2024.



Christopher C. Sabella, Chief Judge

Original: Cindy Stuart, Clerk of the Circuit Court
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